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- **Sunshine and smiles as Olympic relay visits**
- **Thousands line route**
- **Shops report bumper sales as crowds flock**

IT WAS always going to be a special event, but even the most cynical were caught up in the excitement as the Olympic Torch Relay arrived on Tuesday.

And thousands of you took to the street to give it a warm welcome, as it made its journey from Mount Ephraim, down through the town centre and across the Pantiles.

Even the sun – which has visited Tunbridge Wells about as often as the Olympic flame this summer – came out to cheer it on.

The feel-good factor was felt throughout the town too, as traders reported a brisk trade, with crowds flocking to spend after witnessing the once-in-a-lifetime event.

The torch wasn't here for long though before it headed back into East Sussex.

It returned to Kent on Wednesday, only leaving the county later today (Friday) after two overnight stops, one in Dover and the other in Maidstone.

• Full story on the visit and how it felt to be a torchbearer is on page 2.

■ **For more Olympic Torch Relay pictures from Tunbridge Wells and around the county – see inside**

ECONOMY

Huge cost of wet summer

THE multi-million pound cost to the county's economy courtesy of four months of almost non-stop rain is exposed in a special report inside this week's paper.

From traders to tourist attractions, festivals to farmers, the downpours have left a huge dent in the county's finances.

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EDUCATION

Free school plan advances

A FREE school for the town edged closer to becoming a reality this week after the Government gave it the nod. The Wells Free School was among four across Kent which included another run by Hadlow College and promises a 'rural focus' to traditional studies. Full report inside.

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SPORT

Off to winning ways for team

MARTIN Larkin's Tunbridge Wells FC side got their pre-season preparations off to a winning start this week with a 3-1 win at Bearsted on Tuesday night.

With hopes of pushing for promotion in the Kent League, the new-look team head to Rusthall on Tuesday.

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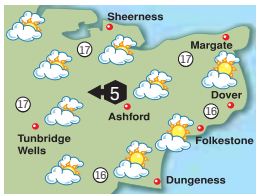
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TODAY: Bright with sunny spells, but also the chance of an isolated shower. The sunshine will be hazy at times. Light easterly winds. Max temp 16-19C (61-66F).

TODAY'S HIGH TIDE (Metres)

Dover	00.54	6.4	13.20	6.6
Margate	02.02	4.7	14.19	4.7
St Mary's	06.51	5.4	19.09	5.6

WEEK AHEAD

Sunday	Max 21C	Min 11C
Monday	Max 23C	Min 12C
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OLYMPICS

Inspirational torchbearer runs with joy just months after life-changing surgery

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WHEN Vanessa Burns was just seven years old her mother vowed to try her best to help her walk normally by the time the Olympics came to London.

And against all odds and after years of life-changing surgery, this promise has come true.

To celebrate the bravery of Vanessa – one of around just 30 children born each year with one leg shorter than the other – the youngster, now 15, was one of the first people in Kent to run with the

Olympic Torch on Tuesday through Tunbridge Wells.

She described the moment as “amazing, indescribable – incredible”.

Mother Emma Burns said it was an emotional moment for the family as her daughter ran through the Pantiles, signifying the long journey she has been on, where just months ago she couldn't walk properly, unable to put both feet on the floor.

“When I saw her there with the torch, the whole experience just came back to me and I started crying,” said Mrs Burns. “She ran past so fast; we

were trying to keep up with her.

“For us the torch holds so much significance, it really is very special. To be able to see her run is incredible.”

Just months ago Vanessa underwent the final operation in her treatment.

NHS Kent and Medway paid for her to go to France for groundbreaking surgery to lengthen her left thighbone by almost 9cm, straighten the bone and correct knee problems caused by the rare orthopaedic condition, called Proximal Femoral Focal Deficiency.

“She is the first English child to have this treatment in France and it has



MEMORABLE: Crowds lined the streets to see the torch pass through. Vanessa Burns is pictured on our front page

changed her life,” said Mrs Burns.

Vanessa is now building up her muscles so she can dance, run and enjoy her new freedom.

Mrs Burns, who lives with her husband Stephen, Vanessa and two sons Elliot, 16, and Owen, 10, in Tunbridge Wells, said the relay signified the completion of her daughter's treatment.

“When Vanessa was seven, I told her that we would do our very best to make sure she had two legs the same length by the time the Olympics came to London,” she said.

“I never dreamed she might actually be playing a part in the Games.”

Vanessa was just 14 hours old when a GP noticed her femur was short.

Further examination found her left thighbone was short, bent and twisted and her left hip and knee joints were slightly abnormal.

Vanessa, who had to wear a built-up shoe, needed to have her leg lengthened and straightened, which is usually done by a frame being fitted onto the leg.

But at Sheffield Children's Hospital, which is nationally renowned for limb reconstruction, the family met French surgeon Jean-Marc Guichet, who had invented an alternative, where a nail is inserted down the bone marrow, lengthening the leg from the inside.

After leg lengthening in 2009 and 2011, and knee surgery in 2010 and 2012, on her 15th birthday in May Vanessa was able – for the first time in her life – to walk normally.

■ **For more pictures from the torch relay in Kent, turn to page 5.**

THOUSANDS LINE THE STREETS TO WATCH TORCH RELAY PASS THROUGH

TOWN chiefs estimate some 25,000 people took to the streets of Tunbridge Wells to welcome the Olympic Torch Relay, with council leader David Jukes describing the event as “a fantastic day”.

A combination of 70 stewards, 2,000 metres of barriers, 64 lamppost banners and even that rarest of things this summer, great weather, added up to a memorable atmosphere as the torch arrived in Kent for the first time since 1948 – the last time London staged the Olympic Games.

The iconic flame arrived in the borough shortly before 11.30am and made its first appearance to the gathered crowds carried by torchbearer Giovanni Merlo, an Italian sports writer and president of the



International Sports Press Association.

Other torchbearers included the Mail on Sunday's chief sports writer Patrick Collins, David Adams from Tonbridge

who supports breast cancer charity Walk the Walk and Sam Hayes from Tonbridge.

Shops recorded a bumper trade, while there were events in Calverley

Grounds and Dunorlan.

Cllr Jukes said: “It was a fantastic day, a once-in-a-lifetime celebration. The people of Tunbridge Wells did us proud turning out in such great numbers.”

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ENTERTAINMENT

Sun, sex and strawberries as film shot in county hits the big screen

By Chris Murphy

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IT will come as no surprise to learn that Kent's lush fields produce some of the finest strawberries in the UK – what may shock is a raunchy new movie based around the people who pick them.

Strawberry Fields is billed as "a twisted tale of sibling rivalry, sexual awakening and mind games set over a hot English summer".

And much of the location work was filmed in the county, with scenes shot in Sevenoaks, Mereworth, Norton, Groombridge, Tunbridge Wells, Sittingbourne and Leysdown.

Produced on a tiny budget, and co-funded by the BBC, filming for the movie took place in 2010 with dozens of extras used for key scenes.

Starring Anna Madeley, who appeared in the movie In Bruges and TV shows such as Lewis, Waking the Dead and Brides-

head Revisited, the movie was previewed on London's Southbank, winning positive reviews from critics.

Also in the cast is Christine Bottomley, who starred in The Arbor, and Emun Elliott, who appeared in Prometheus and Game of Thrones.

Referencing themes and conflicts explored in Tennessee Williams' classic A Streetcar Named Desire, the story centres on Gillian, played by Ms Madeley, who has spent her life taking care of her unstable and manipulative sister Emily following the death of their parents.

Gillian arrives at the rural Kent strawberry farm, and reinvents herself as a worker, catching the eye of Kev.

It all goes a bit sour when Emily turns up and a battle of wills between the two women ensues. We focus on Gillian's internal battle as well as her practical struggle to stand up to Emily and lead her own life.

Picture: NICOLA DOVE



Releasing the movie, Film London said: "Seductively filmed in the Kent countryside and featuring outstanding performances from its cast, Strawberry Fields offers a distinct and refreshingly feminine spin on a story of liberation. Through the film, director Frances Lea

also wanted to explore women's relationships, co-dependent relationships, dysfunctional families and destructive personality types."

The film was made with the help of Kent County Council's Film Office and carries a 15 certificate.

LOCATION: Strawberry Fields was filmed at key locations around the county

NEWS IN BRIEF

➔ Immigrant murder rates

ALMOST 53 per cent of murder suspects last year were immigrants, it has been revealed.

A Freedom of Information request to Kent Police has shown out of the 17 suspects charged with murder, nine were not from the UK.

Five were from Afghanistan, one from the Czech Republic, one Iran, one Iraq and one Latvia. Eight were from the UK.

The request also found of the 76 people charged with rape, nine were not from the UK.

➔ Uni award for Jools

MUSICIAN and television personality Jools Holland has received an honorary degree at a ceremony in Rochester Cathedral.

Mr Holland, who lives in Cooling on Hoo, was presented with the degree by the University of Kent for his work in the entertainment industry.

The musician, who was awarded an OBE in 2003, became an honorary doctor of music at the University of Kent and said he was privileged to be at the ceremony.

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OLYMPICS

Athletes on the tourist trail as they prepare for Games

AS thousands flocked to witness the Olympic Torch Relay arrive in Kent, hundreds of the world's top athletes were jetting into the county too as they put the finishing touches to their pre-Games training.

The county secured the teams courtesy of its proximity to the Olympic Park site in Stratford, east London, and its range of first-class facilities.

And while the sportsmen and women are working hard to ensure they are in contention for medals, they have been taking advantage of some of the county's top tourist sites, among them Leeds Castle and Whitstable.

Puerto Rico has based its entire team of athletes, boxers and a weightlifter at Canterbury Christ Church University, while Nepal's two swimmers and two athletes are also in the city at the nearby University of Kent.

Elsewhere, the Russian equestrian squad has bedded in at their base on the outskirts of Sittingbourne and the athletics arm of Australia's team are at Tonbridge School.

The Australian women's hockey team will also be spending three days in Tunbridge Wells this week on a sight-seeing tour.

Dr Andrew Balsden, director of sport at Canterbury Christ Church University was pleased with how the Puerto Rican team, which features world number one 400m hurdler Javier Culson, and world number ten weightlifter Lely Burgos, have been settling in.

"For Kent to host more Olympic training venues than any other county is remarkable," he said. "It's an indication of how seriously we've taken the Games in terms of selling it to the rest



READY: Puerto Rico's weightlifter Lely Burgos trains at Canterbury Christ Church University

of the world. It's wonderful when you invite a nation to come and you're hosting someone who is potentially a gold medal Olympian."

Although athletes are all focused on their strict training regimes they are still able to see the sights on offer around the county.

Pre-Games training camp manager Chris Metherell, from Kent County Council, has been organising requests for sight-seeing visits.

"The Nepal team have been to Leeds Castle, and will be going to Dover Castle this week, they have loved it," he said.

"Everybody is having a tour of Canterbury, they are learning a lot about the history of the city; the countries like to do that when they visit.

"They are not training every single minute of the day, they train for a few hours and have time off, which needs to be filled somehow. Some are quite happy to lie in bed and read a book, while others want to experience the history of where they are."

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Torch relay ignites our enthusiasm for Games

THOUSANDS turned the streets of Kent into a non-stop party this week as the county enjoyed an injection of the feel-good factor thanks to the arrival of the Olympic Torch Relay.

The iconic Olympic flame spent three days in the county – more than any other in the UK – as it neared the end of its 70-day, 8,000 mile trek across the nation.

And next Friday it will enter the Olympic Stadium during the Opening Ceremony and officially spark the start of London 2012.

But this week it was all about the torch being shown the very best in Kentish hospitality – with lavish overnight stops in Dover on Wednesday night and Maidstone on Thursday, where it was given a warm welcome and the crowds entertained by entertainers such as the Rizzle Kicks.

The stars of the week, however, were the torchbearers, as they enjoyed their moment to shine when they carried the



torch through the streets.

Finding sunshine and crowds in Tunbridge Wells on Tuesday, an off-shoot of the flame was even carried to Tonbridge Castle by Hildenborough double-gold winner Kelly Holmes.

After heading back into East Sussex, it emerged in Kent once more on Wednesday, working its way along the south coast to



cheers and applause.

And the turn-out proved valuable to local shops too, with town centres bustling and eager to pick up the extra custom.

David Jukes, leader of Tunbridge Wells Borough Council, said: "It was a fantastic day, a once-in-a-lifetime celebration. The people of Tunbridge Wells did us proud turning out in such great numbers."

The torch left Kent on Friday after working its way through Medway and Gravesend.

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COMMUNITY

Funds help revitalise our love of sport

SIXTEEN community sports projects have won a share of £4.7m Olympic legacy funding aimed at breathing new life into tired facilities.

The clubs, schools and parish councils benefited from a total of more than £780,000 under the Inspired Facilities scheme, which is funded by National Lottery cash and run by Sport England's Places People Play programme.

Mascalls secondary school in Paddock Wood was awarded £87,500 to convert its tennis courts into a floodlit games area.

Amherst School in Sevenoaks was also chosen to receive funding to enclose its pool and replace the current leaking, asbestos roof.

Others to benefit from the cash pot, in what is the second round of bids, included Leybourne Parish Council for an outdoor sports space; Hamstreet and District Sports and Leisure Association for a refurbishment; Deal Victoria & Barns Close Cricket Club for a facilities upgrade; and Kennington Cricket Club for a new clubhouse.



Pictures: PAUL JERRATT

RELAY: Clockwise from top left: Tracey Emin in Margate; a visit to Dover Castle; evening stop over on Dover seafront; a trip to Tunbridge Wells; crowds in the royal town; 1948 runner Frank Verge took his torch to Tonbridge Castle; where Dame Kelly Holmes carried an off-shoot flame; the Rizzle Kicks provided evening entertainment

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CAMPAIGN

DRINK warns: We must be ready to act if airport takes off or nose dives

By Marijke Cox

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PEOPLE power is emerging in the Thames Estuary airport campaign, with protesters setting up a commission to discuss the controversial issue.

In a rally call, pressure group Demand Regeneration in North Kent (DRINK) urged political leaders to get involved in a "grown up" debate.

Chairman Neville Gaunt said DRINK had formed a commission of interested local people to find out the answers to the key question: What will the impact be from the hub airport?

He stressed that, whatever the final outcome, the area needed to be ready. Mr Gaunt said: "As the time draws near for the Government to publish its consultation document on aviation policy, there is a growing belief that our communities need to be prepared to face the consequences of the final decision.

"If the green light is given for one or other of the proposals, we will have to be ready with our response as failure to do this will mean we cannot hope to get the best deal for our people.

"If the ideas which impact directly on north Kent are all turned down, we will have to find ways, using little or no public cash, to generate the prosperity we desperately need to eliminate poverty and give our children a positive future."

Members of DRINK stress the group is neither pro nor anti-airport, with their agenda being to



FACTS: The regeneration group says we need to know all the facts surrounding the airport plan

create jobs and prosperity in the area.

Campaign director at DRINK, Clive Lawrence, said all people want is a resolution. He said: "This isn't about pro or anti-airport – this is about being prepared and getting the best outcome.

"We want a better future for everyone. Some of us at DRINK think an airport will deliver that and some think it won't – but we need to find out. How can we say yes or no until we have more information? We've set up a commission, to find out the facts."

He said a report would be published in around a month's time ahead of the Government consultation, which was delayed for a second time last week.

The anticipated review, which is wanted from both supporters and opposition of the airport, was first scheduled for March and pushed back until July. Now it has been delayed again, this time until the autumn.

Mr Lawrence accused politicians of dithering,

NO Estuary Airport

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calling them "cowards" for not pushing ahead with a decision over the controversial issue.

Anti-airport campaigners said the delay again leaves the people of north Kent in limbo.

A spokesman for Protect Kent, the county's branch of the Campaign to Protect Rural England, said it was disappointed, adding: "The sooner the consultation is held, the sooner we can get these plans dismissed and residents will know they are safe from this potentially environmentally devastating proposal."

Options for an estuary airport include 'Boris Island' – London Mayor Boris Johnson's proposal for an airport on reclaimed land off the north Kent coast. Another is from architect Lord Foster, who released plans for an international

NEWS IN BRIEF

➔ Biker killed in smash

TRIBUTES have been paid to a father-of-three killed while out on his motorbike in Snodland.

Jason Randall died last Saturday after suffering fatal injuries in a road traffic collision with a blue Vauxhall Corsa on Malling Road.

Mr Randall's wife, Nicola, said: "Jason was a much-loved husband and father and will be sorely missed by all of his family and friends."

Anyone who may see the crash should call police on 01622 798538.

➔ Family snaps stolen

A FAMILY have made an emotional appeal after crooks made off with a laptop containing dozens of irreplaceable family snaps.

The Sony Vaio machine was swiped along with a PC and Hugo Boss watch from a home in Allan Road, Seasalter, near Whitstable, on Friday, July 6.

A police spokesman said: "The laptop contained personal family photos which the owner is very keen to have returned."

➔ Newton Faulkner gig

BRIT Award nominated singer-songwriter Newton Faulkner has announced a gig at Margate Winter Gardens later this year - as he celebrated topping the album chart.

The star, who performed at the Hop Farm Festival last summer, saw Write It On Your Skin become his second chart-topper.

He will perform at the Thanet venue on October 24. Tickets are on sale now.

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ECONOMY

Ten million reasons as to why our economy is paying the price for a summer of downpours

SPECIAL REPORT by Marijke Cox

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IN APRIL of this year, an official drought was declared.

Hosepipes were banned, farmers were in despair and fears were the county would struggle to recover this year.

No-one could have imagined that just days later the skies would open and deliver a downpour that would last on and off for months, leaving the Kent economy with a bill potentially running into the millions.

Experts from the Country Land and Business Association told this newspaper the overall cost to the county's rural industry alone since April was £3.5 million. Adding to that losses made in tourism, retail and sporting events, that figure is likely to triple leaving a huge hole in Kent's economy.

Popular tourist attractions have experienced a major drop in visitors, festival organisers expecting sell-out shows have struggled to get rid of tick-

ets, and sports clubs – particularly cricket – have admitted losing hundreds of thousands of pounds due to low crowd turnouts and washouts.

Just last week the Kent County Show was forced to close its gates for the first time in 83 years after torrential rain turned car parks into mud baths.

Visitor numbers were down 17,000 on last year and organisers hinted at a loss of more than £300,000.

But perhaps more worrying is the impact on small, independent traders already struggling to recover from the current economic crisis.

Business experts warn the recent wet weather could bang the final nail in the coffin for many.

Farmers growing soft fruit have seen their produce damaged by rain and fungal moulds caused by damp, and local farmer and NFU member Kevin Attwood said if the rain continues it will be "disastrous" for arable crops.

Chief executive of the Kent Invicta Chamber of Commerce Jo James said the overall cost was probably incalculable.



TAKING COVER: Many businesses, attractions and sporting institutions are now counting the cost

"To even estimate the cost of the miserable summer weather to business in Kent is well nigh impossible; the only thing that can be said is that it is very high," she said.

"The ramifications are widely spread. Doubtless the major sufferer is agriculture; unless crops are in a controlled environment under glass or plastic, the impact is severe – even where crop yields are not affected, which many are, harvesting is a nightmare.

"Animal husbandry also suffers, winter forage

crops and harvesting are affected, and efficient management of pastures under sodden ground conditions is difficult. The damage goes much deeper than just physical effects to the land, however.

"I know that all retailers are failing to experience the usual increase in customer numbers associated with the summer season, and clothes retailers especially are finding that summer fashions are not moving well."

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outdoor attractions seeing drops in visitors.

Latest research from tourism board Visit Kent shows that in May alone visits to the county's gardens were down 30 per cent and heritage attractions 14 per cent.

Statistics released by Visit Kent last year showed the average spend per tourist on overnight stays was almost £50 and for an average trip over £130.

In 2009, visitors contributed more than £2.6 billion to the county's economy. A reduction in visitor numbers over three of the most crucial months is likely to have left a huge dent in the economy.

But Visit Kent chief executive Sandra Matthews-Marsh said while the rainy weather has meant a slow start for tourism business, hopes of

a sunny spell – forecast to kick-in this weekend – could be about to come true.

"A good period of settled warm weather now will help us all catch up.

"It will really encourage our many Olympic Games visitors to get out and about in the county and discover all of the great places to visit."

But while some are optimistic the Olympics could help boost the hard-hit Kent economy, others are not so sure.

Kent and Medway chairman of the Federation of Small Businesses, Roger House, stressed the wet weather would have hit small traders hard and the Olympics would be unlikely to help with recovery.

"It's pretty obvious people haven't been going out as much, but it's the retail side that will have suffered the most," he said.

"People are always going to buy their food and so supermarkets, which sell a range of stuff, will be okay. It's the high street that will suffer. There will be no impulse buys and people will go to the big indoor shopping centres. I imagine it has hit smaller shops very hard.

"Many will have bought in stock and not be able to get rid of it. While they may make money back eventually, it's the initial cash flow that's the problem and that is crucial to a small business.

"It's banging the final nail in the coffin which will have a knock-on effect on employment. The ripple effect could be horrendous."

Sports clubs have also been hit hard.

Kent County Cricket Club saw losses in excess of £50,000 in just one week when Tunbridge Wells Cricket Week was washed out by rain.

And chief executive Jamie Clifford said a combination of poor sales of tickets, and food and beverages at the ground could see the club battling a six-figure loss.

"We can't just put more days on as it's all run on a schedule. It's very hard to recoup money back. The crowds have really been affected. If half of the day is going to be a washout, people won't come."

Mr Clifford said he was hoping the sun would be out for Canterbury Cricket Week next month.



WASHOUT: Agriculture has been hit badly by the recent poor weather with farmers left trying to save fields of crops

Traders hit hard after county show mud bath sees 17,000 less visitors

ORGANISERS of the Kent County Show are offering tickets to next year's event to pre-booked ticket holders who were unable to attend last week because of the rain.

It followed three days of muddy chaos where car parks had to be closed due to torrential downpours.

After just three hours of being open on the first day gates were closed to the public wishing to drive in.

Despite restoration work to improve the parking conditions, including laying 200 tonnes of bark chippings, visitors were urged to travel by bus or taxi which prevented many from attending.

On the third day – when the rain finally stopped – the damage had already been done and organisers decided to close the show at 4pm instead of 6pm.

Visitor numbers were down 17,000 from 67,000 in 2011, to 50,000 this year and reports are financial losses could be in excess of £300,000.

George Jessel, chairman of the Kent County Agricultural Society, which organises the show, said: "Our staff and volunteers were magnificent in coping with the difficult conditions and many unexpected incidents; I'd like to thank them wholeheartedly."

Chairman of the Federation for Small Businesses Roger House said those trading at the event would have suffered hugely.

"It's not just on the day, but all the unseen costs that people don't think about," he said.

"It's the amount of work that goes in and also time out of the main business."



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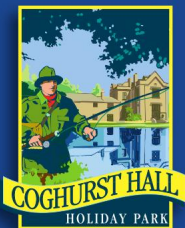


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EDUCATION

Are you ready for next generation of schools?

With one free school set to open in just a few months' time and four more recently winning Department for Education backing, **Marijke Cox** looks into their potential impact on our youngsters

A NEW breed of school is entering Kent's increasingly autonomous education system, adding yet another contender to the growing mix of schooling.

First it was academies – launched under Labour to improve under-achieving schools – then it was new academies, introduced by the Tories to allow any school to break away from state control if they wished, and now it's free schools.

This is all mixed in with grammars, some of which are super-selective, and comprehensives, which can either be academies or still maintained by local education authority Kent County Council, as well as independents.

In the latest announcement, four proposed free schools have now been given the go ahead by the Department for Education to move on to the next stage, meaning they could be open in September 2013.

The county already has one free school, Tiger primary in Maidstone, which is accepting pupils for September 2012.

The latest proposals are:

- Hadlow Rural Community School, a mixed secondary (aged 11 to 16) with a capacity of 180 pupils.
- The Wells Free School, a mixed primary (aged four to 11) with a capacity of 154 pupils in Tunbridge Wells.
- The Sevenoaks Free School, a mixed secondary (11 to 18) with capacity of 790 pupils for Sevenoaks – a non-denominational Christian school.
- Wye Free School, a mixed secondary (11 to 19) with a capacity of 600 pupils, near Ashford, with a Christian ethos.



FUTURE: Hadlow College could open its free school in 2013

Free schools have come under fire from critics who claim they cater mainly for the middle classes and divert precious education resources away from others schools while creating a surplus of places.

But those behind one of Kent's planned free schools said their own model would be beneficial to some children.

Hadlow College wants to open a school on its campus near Tonbridge. It would have its own dedicated areas and a "rural ethos".

Currently, the college mainly takes 16-plus pupils, but the new school will accommodate 11 to 16-year-olds. Despite not being open yet, some 165 placement applications have already been submitted.

Hadlow College principal Paul Hannan said: "The whole idea is to give pupils the chance to learn in a different way."

"We want them to engage in learning in a land-based way. Of course we will study the same National Curriculum, but the emphasis will be on the countryside. We will relate subjects such as maths and sciences to the kind of things people see outdoors. So in maths we might calculate nutrients to keep an animal healthy or the

yield of milk from cows.

"Land-based situations will be the basis for our studies."

Mr Hannan said previous experience had shown how those who may not have responded particularly well to mainstream teaching can benefit by this innovative approach.

"When you put vocational and practical problems to some children and get them working with animals and plants they can engage in a different way."

But while some support this new generation of education, others warn against it.

General secretary of the National Union of Teachers (NUT), Christine Blower, said: "There is no justification for this systematic dismantling of the English education system."

"We cannot allow something as vital as a free and fair education slip through our fingers unnoticed. Free schools are wreaking havoc with co-ordinated pupil placement, creating surplus places and pitching schools against each other."

"The education secretary is privatising our schools."

As part of the free school application process, KCC will be asked for its views on what impact the schools would have on each area.

While the final decision will be made by the Department for Education, KCC will be in touch with applicants to offer the relevant support.

KCC cabinet member for education, learning and skills, Cllr Mike Whiting, said: "The principle of free schools is not going to revolutionise the way KCC approaches education and our priority will remain to see every child provided with the encouragement and opportunity that is right for them to achieve their potential."

"At the same time, we will be looking at the impact each new school might have on its community and will take great care to make sure we consider the best interests of Kent's children."

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- They are funded on a comparable basis to state

- schools, and groups running them cannot make a profit.
- They are subject to the same Ofsted inspections and expected to maintain the same standards.
- Admissions must be fair and transparent and cannot be academically selective.
- Parents would apply for a place for their child in the same way as they would with other schools.
- Critics fear free schools could create social segregation and would divert resources from other nearby schools.

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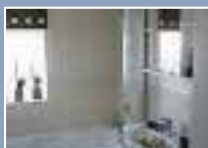


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AGRICULTURE

TV farmer's plea to open our eyes to progress in bid to improve food security

By Steve Loader

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FARMER and TV presenter Adam Henson used the Kent County Show to applaud British agriculture, but warned the industry against excluding new ideas and becoming a "chocolate box operation".

Mr Henson represents the popular Countryfile programme on BBC1.

He said the hot topic in farming now, food security – the goal of producing all the food needed to feed Britain without resorting to imports – was actually nothing new; his father's generation heard the same mantra after World War Two when the UK shaped what Mr Henson still regards as the world's most efficient farming industry.

But British farmers can and must still learn from others, he said, quoting a recent Country-



AWARENESS: Adam Henson visits Kent County Show

file assignment where he visited a US mega farm raising 3,200 cows:

"I went there expecting to be shocked by terrible conditions and a massive slurry lake, but it was absolutely immaculate. The investment was huge, but there was a proper management structure, with specialists in each field – animal welfare wasn't an issue."

The risk to UK agriculture, he added, was that by not opening its eyes to progress like this

elsewhere, it risked becoming a "chocolate box operation" – pretty to look at and admire, but unable to meet the nation's need for self-sufficiency.

The industry might also need to turn the clock back and resort to more traditional breeds such as the Saddleback Pig and Cotswold Sheep – he recently used Countryfile to publicise interest in British wool by having a suit made on Savile Row using wool from his own rare breeds.



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MOVIE star Mackenzie Crook is set to take on a major role in the hit TV show Game of Thrones.

The actor, who grew up in Dartford before finding fame in Ricky Gervais' The Office and appearing in the likes of Pirates of the Caribbean, is set to play the role of a "wilding raider" named Orell in the epic sword and sorcery series.

Produced by US network HBO, the series is currently broadcast in the UK on Sky Atlantic.

Game of Thrones is based on the A Song of Ice and Fire novels by author George RR Martin.

Also set to appear in the new series will be former Avengers and James Bond star Diana Rigg and Waking the Dead star Tara Fitzgerald.

CRASH

Charge after car smash

A 38-YEAR-OLD woman has been charged after a smash in Gillingham in the early hours of last Sunday morning.

The incident, which involved one vehicle, took place on Will Adams Way at 3.15am. Trilbie Pascall, 38, of Dorset Square, Rainham, was charged with failure to provide a breath specimen, driving while disqualified and using a motor vehicle without insurance.

COURT

Sex grooming case in court

GARETH James Oliver will appear before Maidstone Crown Court next month, facing two counts of sexually grooming boys under the age of 16.

The 20-year-old, from Shield Street in Newcastle-upon-Tyne, appeared before Medway Magistrates Court on Monday. He was remanded in custody.

He will appear at Maidstone Crown Court on August 13.

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EVENTS

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ORGANISERS of the popular Whitstable Oyster Festival will be keeping their fingers crossed the sunshine finally arrives, as the week-long event kicks-off this weekend.

The event regularly pulls thousands into the seaside town, celebrating its traditional oyster crop, and will give traders a much-needed financial shot in the arm after the wash-out the summer has seen so far.

And this year high society are likely to join the crowds, after the festival was listed by Debrett's - the UK's leading guide to society and etiquette - on its social season calendar. The festival concludes on Friday, July 27.

CRASH

Biker killed in smash

A MOTORCYCLIST was killed after a smash in Dartford on Tuesday morning.

The crash, which involved the biker and a white Peugeot 306, took place at around 8am on the roundabout where Princes Road meets the A282/M25.

The motorcyclist was pronounced dead at the scene.

Police investigating the crash are appealing for witnesses to come forward.

ASSAULT

Warden 'spat at' in row

A POLICE probe has been launched after a traffic warden was spat at and abused after a row over parking in Tenterden.

The alleged incident took place around 12.15pm last Wednesday when a 50-year-old civil enforcement officer was pushed and verbally abused in an altercation with a motorist near the HSBC bank in the High Street.

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FARMING

Fears for crops as extreme weather continues

FIRST it was drought, with farmers praying for rain.

Now it has gone to the extreme, with the wet weather starting to take its toll and agricultural experts warning of the potentially disastrous impact it could have on certain crops.

Farmer Kevin Attwood, of Downe Court Farm in Doddington, said that while the rain is currently not doing a great deal of harm to arable crops, soft fruits such as strawberries and cherries are bearing the brunt.

"If they're not under a polytunnel it's disastrous," he said.

"The cherries will be split by the rain, the strawberries are bruised and there's the risk of fungal moulds."

He said the constant switch from sun to rain would also mean a shorter shelf life for strawberries and other soft fruits.

Mr Attwood, who is part of the National Farmers' Union, said while arable farming, such as wheat and oilseed, is currently unaffected by the rain, if the wet weather continues, in just three weeks' time there could be a serious problem.

"We need sun to ripen crops to make grain or oilseed. When it's ready to cut we need dry weather. If it's not dry in August then it will be a difficult harvest," he said.

"At the moment I'm not too worried, but ask me in three weeks if it's still raining and by then it might be a different story."

An NFU spokeswoman said pears were bearing up in the rain, but that some apple types, including Cox's, were suffering.

FLOODING

Urgent call for action to insure future for home owners in flood zones

By Marijke Cox

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SEVERE wet weather in flood-prone areas has sparked fresh calls for the Government to draw up a new agreement with insurers to protect at-risk properties.

The existing contract, which is due to run out in less than a year, obliges insurers to provide cover for high-risk homes as long as the Government improves flood defences. Without the pact, households at risk of flooding face rock-rocketing insurance costs or could even be ineligible for cover.

The Labour Party in Folkestone and Hythe, one of the UK's top 10 most flood-prone areas with 7,196 at-risk homes, has created an e-petition on the Government's website calling for a new deal to ensure properties are not left without insurance. If it collects more than 100,000 signatures, a debate could be held in Parliament.

Secretary of the group, Peter Wallace, said this was essential for the area, which is prone to coastal flooding.

"People in my constituency may be left without any home insurance or unable to pay inflated premiums," he said.

"People in high risk areas like Sheppey need that assurance now to know their homes are secure."

"Rumours are circulating that a large number of insurance companies are preparing to hike insurance premiums after the agreement expires, which will leave many people [in risk areas] unable to afford insurance."

Matt Hillyer, Labour secretary for New Romney and Hythe, added: "Thousands of property owners will be worrying over the future of their homes."

In Kent, some 34,000 homes are at risk of flooding. Sittingbourne and Sheppey in Swale (4,295 at risk) and Canterbury (4,199) are named alongside Folkestone and Hythe in the top 10 most at risk areas of the UK.

Speaking in the House of Commons last week, environment secretary Caroline Spelman reassured MPs that households would be protected.

"We are at an advanced stage in intensive and constructive negotiations, with the insurance industry on alternative arrangements for when the statement of principles expires this time next year," she said.

Earlier this year, Tory MP for Folkestone, Damian Collins, said it was vital the current agreement was reviewed.

But he criticised the insurance industry for failing to reflect the Government's investment in flood defences in customers' bills.

Otto Thoresen, director general of the Association of British Insurers, the organisation which holds the agreement with the Government, said insurers wanted to make sure households had access to affordable insurance.



"We are running out of time to make sure people in high-risk areas are properly protected from the devastation flooding can cause and the ball is now in the Government's court," he said.

Go to <http://epetitions.direct.gov.uk/petitions/35593> to sign the e-petition.

FLOODING: Sittingbourne and Sheppey in Swale, Canterbury, and Folkestone and Hythe are all in the top 10 most at risk areas of flooding in the UK

TELEVISION

Thousands nabbed without a TV licence

MORE than 4,300 people across the county were caught watching TV without a licence during the first six months of 2012.

The figures revealed more than 180 people in Canterbury were dodging paying the licence fee, with more than 340 in Gravesend and 240 in Dover.

It was found 204,000 people in the UK were watching their TVs for free – five per cent of the country.

Victoria Sykes, TV Licensing spokesperson, said: "The figures paint a very positive picture as the vast majority of people in the UK continue to pay their licence fee. Unfortunately, a minority of people do not pay for their licence, which is unfair to the law-abiding majority who do pay."

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COMPETITION

WIN! Open air tickets to The Rocky Horror Picture Show

THE ultimate cult classic musical returns to the big screen for one night only as Leeds Castle's open air cinema prepares for The Rocky Horror Picture Show.

Still drawing in the crowds 37 years after its premiere, the film features unforgettable performances by Tim Curry and Susan Sarandon.

And what better way to sing-along to hits such as The Time Warp than by an unforgettable night of cinema under the stars? What's more, you can be there for free by taking part in our fantastic competition.

We have five pairs of tickets for the showing on August 10.

Written by Richard O'Brien, who also stars in the movie, the show has become a favourite for audience participation and fancy dress, as it follows the exploits of Brad and Janet when they stumble across Dr Frank-N-Furter's castle and the weird and wonderful goings-on inside.

Since its release in 1975, the film has developed a cult



worldwide following. It developed notoriety as a 'midnight movie' in 1977, showing to late audiences.

Now you can experience the thrill of watching the film on the big screen in the grounds of Leeds Castle.

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News

EDUCATION

College embarking on new direction as name change given go-ahead

By Chris Murphy
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THANET College's plans to change its name have been given the green light by the Government.

As part of a major rebranding exercise to highlight the college's position, it announced earlier this year it intended to change its name to East Kent College.

And this week the Department for Business, Innovation and Skills rubber-stamped the proposal, meaning the new name will be in force for the start of the academic year in September.

The Broadstairs site had undergone a two-year consultation involving 10,000 local people, students and staff.

One of the rejected names was Coastal College Kent.

It was originally called Thanet Technical College when founded in 1949, but underwent a rebrand in the early 1990s.

College principal Graham Razey said: "The new name is an important part of our bold long-term

vision which will put the college at the very heart of economic and social change in east Kent.

"The name East Kent College signifies this strategic direction and also reflects the many changes and different initiatives for students that are part of our 'new' college."

It wants to be a market leader in the provision of an outstanding professional and vocational curriculum for its 8,000 full and part-time students which sets it apart from local schools and other colleges in Kent.

The new name is also intended to give a clear indication of the location of the college.

Among a number of developments, next year will see the launch of a £6 million centre for environmental technology.

The college's employer training division at Manston will also be rebranded.

Courses on offer include construction, engineering, computing, motor vehicle, catering, hospitality, hair and beauty, early years education, business, finance, travel, science, and creative arts, as well as a business-to-business division.



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ENTERTAINMENT

A rousing evening of music and fireworks at the castle

THE rain didn't dampen the spirits of 10,000 concert-goers at last weekend's Open Air Classical Concert at Leeds Castle, with a patriotic crowd enjoying a rousing performance by the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra.

Conducted by John Rigby, it featured soprano Claire Rutter and tenor James Edwards, along with the chart-topping Military Wives Choir and the Central Band of the RAF.

The show was narrated by



BBC presenter and former Strictly Come Dancing winner Chris Hollins.

Thrilling the crowd was an aerobatic display by an original World War II Spitfire and Mustang, choreographed to the

music, as well as a spectacular firework display.

Chris Yates, of organisers Heritage Events, said: "We are already planning the next show, which will be on Saturday, July 13, 2013, and soloist Claire Rutter and the Military Wives have already asked if they can return as they enjoyed it so much."

■ **Turn to page 21 for details on how to win tickets to an open air cinema event at Leeds Castle.**

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KENT REMEMBERED

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GOOD SPORTS: A tug-of-war at the roller skating rink in Spital Street, Dartford, in around 1910

Hundreds of years of sporting achievement

By Chris Murphy

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AS anticipation builds towards London hosting the Olympic Games, a museum in Dartford is staging an amazing exhibition which takes a look back through the decades at the good and the great local sporting talent.

Dartford Borough Museum's new exhibition, *Play to Win*, runs until November.

It explores the history and development of sport in the town, which has some of the oldest sports clubs in the world. This includes Dartford Cricket Club, which has origins dating back to the early 1700s.

The exhibition uses the London 2012 Olympics as inspiration, and features a varied selection of objects, photographs and text to tell the story of local sport, both amateur and professional, said Dr Mike Still, the museum manager.

He continued: "The exhibition covers an assortment of clubs, individuals and venues, some still with us and others which are long gone."

The earliest reference to local sport is to a cricket match played between Kent and Surrey on The Brent, which was heathland to the east of Dartford, in 1709. Numerous matches were played in that area throughout the 18th century. The first known match involving a Dartford team was actually played in Islington in 1722.

In 1723, the Earl of Oxford said the inhabitants of Kent were the best cricketers in the country and those of Dartford were the best in Kent.

Other early sports included archery on Dartford Heath. The Royal Society of Kentish Bowmen, who had their headquarters on Dartford Heath in the 1780s-90s, included the Prince of Wales, later Prince



DIVING INTO SPORT: Dartford Swimming Club in 1912

Regent and George IV, among its members.

Athletics has been particularly strong in Dartford since the foundation of the Dartford Harriers in 1922 and their track in Central Park found fame when it hosted the British debut of Zola Budd following her newly-acquired British citizenship in 1984.

Dartford Marshes were the scene of infamous prize fights in the 18th and 19th centuries, since the protagonists and their supporters could come down from London by boat and make an equally fast getaway if the local authorities dared to try to intervene.

In more recent times, Dartford's most famous boxer was Dave Charnley who was born in 1935 and died earlier this year. He was British, Empire and European Lightweight champion in the late 1950s and early 1960s.

A local institution for many years was Madame Bergman Osterberg's Physical Training College for teaching female PE mistresses. This came to Dartford in 1895 and survived in various forms until 1986. It was here that the rules for net-

ball were finalised in the college's early days.

The exhibition also covers bowls, cycling, football (including the new Princes Park Stadium), golf, horse-riding, judo (including the new Dartford Judo Club building), shooting, swimming including cross-channel swimming, tennis and even tug-of-war on roller skates, as pictured above.

Objects on display range from an Olympic medal from the London Games of 1908, a man's swimming costume from 1911, a football rattle used at Dartford Football Club's FA Cup third round match in 1936 and a pair of child's boxing gloves signed by Dave Charnley.

Dr Still added: "Dartford and its inhabitants have been at the forefront of many sporting achievements over the years and this looks likely to continue into the future."

Play to Win runs until November 24 and admission is free to all.

For more information about the museum and its exhibitions, visit www.dartford.gov.uk/museum or call 01322 224739.

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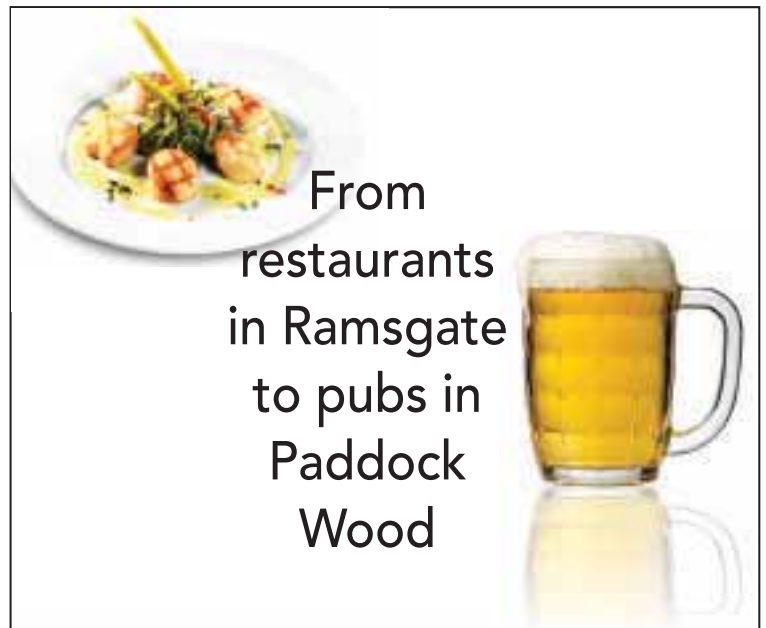
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What's wrong with Manston?

GOVERNMENT bodies or individuals are forever making vague pronouncements about airport development in the south east.

We have all heard about Boris Island and estuary airports generally, additional runways at Heathrow or Gatwick or Stansted are all mentioned, but officialdom never mentions Manston. Why not?

If officialdom has something against Manston, let's hear what the objections are. To anyone with a modicum of common sense it is the obvious solution, particularly if one lives in east Kent.

Heathrow already has an excessive concentration of aircraft movements, any more

would increase the likelihood of a serious accident.
Elizabeth Lonkhurst
Folkestone

Airport ready to be used

I am all for an estuary airport, but not on the Hoo peninsula.

There's a large airport on the market, which, like Hoo, is on the north Kent coast, virtually in the mouth of the Thames only a few miles from where Boris Johnson wants a third London Airport.

It has been there since 1916. The name of the place is Manston, with one of the longest runways in the country, and space for more.

Every time Boris keeps scaring the people of Hoo with his obsession to have a third London airport there, its inhabitants should shout loud and clear in Boris's ear: 'What's the matter with Manston, just down the road?'.
Michael Wise via email

Boris Island is the answer

IF the government wants an all-singing, all-dancing new airport to put the world to shame and ease the congestion at Heathrow, then Manston or Lydd are not the answers.

Don't people who keep bringing it up as an option – who I guess don't live near either – realise that the poor people who live nearby and in the surrounding towns and villages will have their lives and the lives of their families ruined by noise and pollution?

If the Government want to operate an airport all day then it has to be built away from people's homes – in other words Boris Island, so that no one's life is ruined by it.

You have to applaud transport secretary Justine Greening for delaying her decision until all the findings on noise and pollution and the effects on lives are established.

All I would like to say to all the big chiefs like Willie Walsh and certain MPs, is to stop looking in your wallets and start putting peoples' lives first.
Mr J Williams, by email.

It's not got a 'huge runway'

I have seen yet another comment in your letters page about Manston's "huge runway" (Dave Powell, June 15). No it doesn't. And why does no-one point this out?

Manston will succeed as a minor airfield and we need a company that understands its limitations and does not produce another ridiculous business plan.

It amazes me that so many people are under the impression Manston has such a magnificent runway.

In the past I have seen comments from Adrian Ottley of Birchington that Manston has "long runways ideal for development". Manston has

only one runway, east to west, with no available land upon which to build another, and its length is 2,658m (8,726 ft). Heathrow's main runways are 3,500m (11,500 ft) and 3,570m (11,750 ft). Gatwick's is 3,750m (10,100 ft).

Manston comes 11th in the list of longest runways, and has the eighth longest commercial runway. That does not represent "the longest runway in Europe" as stated in a previous edition by Ian R Swingland OBE.

The other major problem with Manston is there is no run off. A fully laden 747, for example, cannot take off from there because there is no leeway to abort a take off in case of a problem.

Sheila Bransfield MA
FRGS, by email

Don't bring danger here

WITH all the talk of airports possibly coming to our area,

one thing people seem to forget is the stacking system, waiting to land. Think of all that pollution, when planes circle.

Another point is that nearly every day, somewhere around the world, a plane is dropping out of the sky, accidentally or otherwise. We don't want that risk here.

Les Brown, Rainham

Limit erodes our free will

HOW the Green Party must be in ecstasy now David Cameron has adopted their policy of speed limit downgrades to 20mph in towns and eventually 40mph elsewhere.

All over Britain councillors of all parties will be scrambling to appease NIMBY voters and reduce speed limits.

Higher fuel consumption and emissions, increased congestion, longer journey times are taken out of the equation. Influential camera manufacturers and associated industries and of course the selling of speed awareness courses are all in for a boom.

To quote a KCC document: "Unfortunately there is not yet any statistically significant evidence in Kent that simply reducing a national speed limit to 50mph has any effect on the frequency of road traffic crashes."

But they still go ahead anyway.

Find the worst sort of drivers and dumb everybody down accordingly, is Britain's road safety policy, any form of individualism or choice is wrenched from us by those wishing to control every aspect of our lives.

All the fantastic claims for improved accident figures in 20mph zones have not been proved, in many 'trial' areas, the accident rate is worse.

But what would you expect when your road safety policy consists of "hitting people at slower speeds kills fewer of them".

Millions of pounds are handed out to so-called road safety groups and charities, yet we still have no formal education-lead road safety policy.

Drivers seem reluctant to stick to the 30mph limit, so only by widespread surveillance and persecution will they drive at 20mph; 'big society' Mr Cameron?

Terry Hudson, Herne Bay

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OPINION

Stopping the gerrymandering

Matthew Graham proposes a new reform for the House of Lords where only those with experience get to wield the power to oppose government

THE recent Parliamentary debate on House of Lords reform did more to suck the life out of the coalition government than it did to give the Mother of Parliaments the much needed kiss of life.

All agreed on the need for surgery, but this piece of legislation was a hysterectomy to cure a hernia.

The legislation was a disaster and rightfully opposed.

This reform is constitutional constipation, an impasse in which all the king's horses and men cannot produce a meaningful settlement, meaning 650 MPs and more than 800 Peers are going around in circles.

The political establishment has fallen between two equally unworkable ideas of an elected or appointed second chamber, or even a hybrid of the two.

In the debate the Liberal Democrat Simon Hughes challenged Graham Stringer, La-

bour, to come up with an alternative, but no one did. Well if you can't pull the sword from the stone it's time to let someone else try.

The issues are well known. An elected second chamber challenges the primacy of the first, or if the electorate show no interest, it will lack the very legitimacy a vote should convey. Any election will strengthen the party machine in one huge step backwards. The appointment system however serves the party and Prime Minister of the day.

The accusation is always one of cronyism. Between this rock and a hard place the problem is not that our MPs cannot think outside the box, but rather they cannot follow the logic of their own principles.

The objective is to create an independent second chamber, free from patronage, the party machine, the auction of an election, enjoying public confi-

dence, which is capable of revising government legislation. So why not design a solution to match?

The answer is to populate the second chamber with only those people who have served in the first but to do this by right.

As a right it will be to our constitution as 'habeas corpus' is to the law.

Anyone who has served as an MP in the first chamber can, upon losing their seat, claim the right to enter the second. Every MP will have stood before the electorate, possibly several times.

A landslide election automatically sends more Peers into the second chamber from the other political traditions, hence a natural built in check and balance.

Who better to scrutinise government legislation than the people who know how government works and with the expe-



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rience of writing it? After all, if MPs are not good enough to do this much, what are they doing there in the first place?

The party machine and patronage disappears entirely from the second chamber. As a Peer that person becomes wholly independent.

They will not be allowed to serve as Ministers in a government, which is a form of electoral fraud. There is no rivalry to the Commons. It is a completely transparent system.

Some people will feel Lords reform is not urgent, but our current crises have been created through an all-powerful executive in a weak Parliament.

This way the second chamber is renewed as an independent revising body to correct the executive free from the stain of party and patronage, or the electoral auction, and maybe tackling our current crises begins with getting the constitution right?

KOS COMMENT

We urge you to help local economy boom

WITH any luck, by the time you read this the sun will be out, our high streets packed and our tourist attractions doing a roaring trade. And after four months of non-stop rain we all, surely, deserve it.

In a year when the economy was already savagely biting at us all, it was particularly cruel the weather should conspire against us too and blow such a gaping hole in the county's economy.

As a result, it has never been more important to back the county's traders and tourism hot-spots. We urge all of our readers to make a special effort to invest in the local economy over the remainder of the summer to help plug the gap left by what so far has been a wash-out of a summer.

Torch lights up Kent

WHATEVER your view on the Olympic Games, the sight of thousands of people welcoming the iconic flame through our streets this week has been heartening.

Hopefully the feel-good factor it generated will continue for the rest of the summer. Just cross your fingers it will be bathed in beautiful, warm sunshine.

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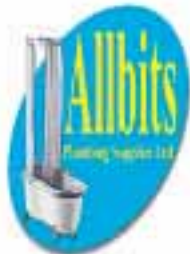
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Your business is our business

This week we focus on opportunities for young people, who have suffered, as a group, more than most during the economic downturn. There is a number of positive schemes around, while forward-thinking companies are doing all they can. But what about young people themselves? Many are looking forward to fulfilling careers, but are they being realistic in their aims and aspirations?

Training helps create inspiration

By Nick Ames

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ONE of the UK's leading communications companies has set up shop in Folkestone and is holding a two-week training programme to inspire young people.

The project by M&C Saatchi aims to bring creative and media businesses to east Kent just as they are currently established in places such as Brighton.

MP Damian Collins, who worked for the company, is behind the project, which is seeing 12 people aged 18-24 receive expert training.

They are also given the opportunity to look at media and communications opportunities and establish the networks which will help them to gain employment in a popular field.

It is based in the former Triennial Visitors Centre on the corner of The Old High Street and Tontine Street and follows a presentation by Google on the same site earlier in the year.

Collins said: "Those taking part will be able to participate in the kind of



INSPIRED: MP Damian Collins with some of the young people on the training course

experience that people have only previously been able to be part of in London.

"I hope this project will inspire young people to think about working in the creative industries and also give them some useful contacts and ideas about how they could do this within our area.

"The creative industries are an important source of growth in our eco-

nomy and are performing more strongly than many other sectors, even in these difficult economic times.

"We can see part of that success in the young businesses which are growing and developing in the Old Town area of Folkestone, in particular.

"I believe these creative businesses can be an important part of the future

prosperity of our area, and that Folkestone and Shepway could be recognised alongside other centres like Brighton and Tunbridge Wells as an important hub for these businesses outside of London."

The project is taking place as Kent County Council plans to launch a new marketing campaign to promote business investment in Shepway and the other east Kent districts.

It will focus on the creative industries as one of the important growth areas of the local economy and also seek to encourage more businesses and people looking to invest in the area to apply for financial support from the Regional Growth Fund.

Collins said: "Having M&C Saatchi in town, just a couple of months since Google ran its business advice sessions from the same building in Folkestone, shows that major international companies are interested in what we have to say and offer. It will, I hope, also help create a bit of a buzz."

• **For the MP's views on the project, see [yourkenttv on youtube](http://yourkenttv.onyoutube).**

SURVEY

Predictions point to growth being slow

THE latest quarterly survey from the British Chambers of Commerce (BCC) of 8,000 small and medium-sized firms says the pace of activity is too slow for a sustainable recovery.

The survey found a further small rise in exporting activity among both the service sector and manufacturing firms in the three months to the end of June. Domestic activity, however, showed little net overall change.

The GDP figures due out are predicted by many analysts to show that the economy was declining in the second quarter of the year, partly because of the extra bank holiday.

Dan Wagner is CEO and founder of mPowa, a service dedicated to helping SMEs collect cash from their customers.

He said: "SMEs are the backbone of the British economy. They employ more than half the UK workforce and need urgent action from policymakers and the banking community. Access to capital is severely hampering growth and is often the single reason companies go under. We need to have a supportive framework in place to help businesses in Kent to thrive and flourish in challenging market conditions."

OLYMPICS

Avoid the congestion by renting some desk space

THE Olympics are fast approaching and Kent Enterprise House is offering office space to enable commuters to avoid travel hell throughout the London 2012 Games

The Government has advised more people to work from home as the transport network is expected to be extremely crowded.

National Rail has estimated that 300 million trips will be made by spectators within London during the Olympics, which will without doubt lead to congestion, delayed transport and late arrivals for those who commute to London.

So Kent Enterprise House, a charity-owned conference facility in Herne Bay, is to offer fully-serviced office space for £10 per day either within an open-plan office or private room.

Spaces are being offered to London commuters on a daily basis, so they have the option to book for the duration of the Olympics, a few days, or just a Friday.

To find out more, contact Kent Enterprise House by emailing info@enterprisetrust.org or phoning 01227 844 464.

AWARD

Recognition for efforts to help hopeful young entrepreneurs

LAW firm Cripps Harries Hall, based in Tunbridge Wells, has won an award for its work with Kent Foundation For Young Entrepreneurs, a charity that provides help for young people in Kent to establish and develop their business ideas.

Cripps was one of three organisations to be presented with the Impact Award at a celebration hosted by KCC chairman Richard King.

The award is in recognition of the significant impact that the firm's volunteers have made on the lives of young entrepreneurs in the county. Volunteers from Cripps have been trained as business mentors working alongside the young entrepreneurs to provide one-to-one support.

They have also been involved in delivering

workshops and promoting Kent Foundation to the wider business community.

Paul Barron, director of Kent Foundation For Young Entrepreneurs, said: "We are very grateful for the support given by KCC and the INTERREG European Funding. However, we would not be able to operate our valuable and effective services without the support from our volunteers."

Ed Weeks, partner and head of corporate responsibility at Cripps, said: "We are delighted to receive this award in recognition of our volunteer work. We see this as an exciting opportunity to support our community by putting our skills and experience to use in a sustainable way. We look forward to continuing our work with Kent Foundation."

Chamber supports apprenticeships

By Nick Ames

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BUSINESSES put off the idea of taking on an apprentice by the extra work needed to recruit, employ and train them can now take advantage of a new service.

Kent Channel Chamber of Commerce has launched an initiative to help small businesses take on an apprentice to help their enterprise grow – and young people between 16 and 24 get a 'real' job and the full range of work experience they need to support their apprenticeship qualification.

As part of a new consortium called Fusion Futures, the chamber will be providing a new service with one big benefit to local businesses.

Fusion Futures will employ the ap-

prentice and loan them to the business until such time as they are happy to employ them directly – this could be between three and 12 months.

The idea is to reduce the initial risk, staff time and employment liability and realise significant cost-saving benefits that will contribute directly to bottom-line improvements.

Chamber chief executive Peter Hobbs said: "We know the many hoops businesses have to go through to plan for and employ a new apprentice. For every company currently employing an apprentice – about 200,000 nationwide – we believe there are double that who would take on an apprentice if all the organising and employment contract was done for them.

"Our new service is ideal for small

companies that have limited capacity to employ apprentices direct or are uncertain if they could provide the breadth of work experience to support the training programme."

Nigel Horton-Baker, operations director for Fusion Futures said: "Our aim is to provide an independent, employer-driven brokerage service that will help businesses identify where the trainee can best add value within the organisation, draw up a job description, find the right trainee to suit your business and find the right training provider to support the trainee from its pool of high-quality and vetted training providers."

AGREEMENT: Nigel Horton-Baker and Peter Hobbs shake on the apprenticeship initiative



Scheme helps young people into the workplace

FIFTEEN young people are taking up an apprenticeship with West Kent Housing Association.

The community-based business, which provides affordable homes and services to people living in the county, is now providing a foot on the career ladder for a number of young people who have been unemployed for more than three months.

This has been made possible by the Kent Jobs For Kent Young People scheme, in which the county council has invested £2 million to help local employers take on more apprentices.

Businesses could take advantage of a £2,000 grant towards the employment costs – add in some national

funding, wherever possible, and that figure more than doubles to £4,275.

James Woods is one of the 15 apprentices.

He said: "I've been on work-experience placements before, but this is the first time I've been offered a job with serious training and the chance to do something I enjoy that helps other people.

"I've been trying to get into work for a long time, but there aren't many jobs and when there are, there aren't many people willing to give a young person a chance."

Signing up for Kent Jobs For Kent Young People is easy and hassle-free. An apprenticeship team is available at the end of a phone on 0800 10 18 2 24



or alternatively by emailing kep@kent.gov.uk. KCC leader Paul Carter said:

GIVEN A CHANCE: Apprentice James Woods is vey pleased to be a part of the scheme

"James's experience is similar to a number of young people and it is for him and many others like him that the county council launched Kent Jobs For Kent Young People. West Kent Housing Association deserves great credit for providing 15 apprenticeships.

"We are working very hard to maximise the apprenticeship opportunities for young people. Unemployment figures are far, far too high in this country and we have put in £2m alongside national subsidy to create a scheme that declutters the bureaucracy for businesses wanting to take on an apprentice. The cost to

employers is now as little as £52 a week to take on better-skilled, better-motivated young people. It is good for business and good for the young person."

The West Kent apprentices will be employed in a range of roles across the organisation and its charitable subsidiary, including plumbing, youth work and housing support.

Will Campbell-Wroe, managing director of West Kent's community development charity West Kent Extra, said: "We are pleased to be able to work closely with KCC to create these exciting new apprenticeships at West Kent.

"We know that the young people who come to West Kent will have a great experience that will hopefully set them on

a career path they will enjoy.

"We see a large number of young people who struggle to get that first opportunity in the workplace and we are pleased to be able to offer them challenging and creative roles that will support them and the communities they live in.

"But we know this isn't all about the young people – they have many things to teach us as an organisation and these new roles give many of our own staff a first experience of line management.

"We believe these new posts will benefit the individuals, West Kent as an organisation, the Kent community and the Kent economy, so it was an easy decision for us to say yes to apprenticeships"

Many young lack career progression knowledge

WITH youth unemployment a continuing problem for both business and the Government, a new report reveals that far too many young people in Kent are ill-informed about their career options.

Joint research from the Financial Skills Partnership and Career Academies UK, based on a survey of 17- and 18-year-old Career Academies UK students, shows that many young people hold views about careers and how to progress that are not based on evidence.

According to the report, entitled Routes To Success, young people lack awareness of their options. This includes a misunderstanding of university fees, apprenticeships and school leaver programmes, and many

young people are making poorly-informed choices that may affect their future career options and the talent pipeline for many industries.

The report calls on the Government, educators and employers to take concrete steps to address these issues and also suggests that there needs to be a single coherent message on career-progression routes.

Unemployment figures released by the Office For National Statistics show there has been a slight decline in the number of people out of work.

However, there are still too many young people, from school-leavers to graduates, unemployed and searching for a job or training.

The report revealed:

■ A greater number of students seriously considering university as their preferred route than the number who strongly agreed that they knew a lot about it.

■ Young people believed they had a high level of awareness of apprenticeships, but further questioning revealed their knowledge was inaccurate and shallow.

■ Young people were unsure of the status of school-leaver programmes and how to find these opportunities.

■ Work experience was viewed as essential, but outside the formal Career Academies internship programme their experience of placements was poor.

■ Young people were ambitious and understood the value of

employability skills and real work experience.

Liz Field, CEO of the Financial Skills Partnership, said: "Young people in Kent are making poorly-informed choices, which may affect their future career options and the talent pipeline for many industries.

"The research shows that many young people know far too little about their potential career options and that employers, educators and the Government could all do more to help.

"We need to equip young people with the knowledge and skills to take responsibility for their own career-planning and progression if they are to be the professionals of tomorrow, able to lead us out of recession and into growth and renewal."

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Training, courses and careers

Animal magic is helping pupils to get top results

IT is easy to dismiss the life of a wildlife park as a lot of monkey business.

But two of the county's premier parks are proving to be exceptional outdoor classrooms, attracting thousands each year to visit and learn Howletts, in Bekesbourne near Canterbury, and Port Lympne near Hythe, are both under the remit of the Aspinall Foundation.

A dedicated education team is on hand to supply curriculum material to schools in Kent and nationwide aimed at all levels of learning.

The parks also host school visits and last year more than 11,000 pupils visited.

The parks' education team also organise team building courses, student workshops and deliver talks to community groups, such as the WI and schools.

This year, Port Lympne plays host to three conferences where keepers, educators and researchers from all round the globe can meet to discuss and share ideas and comment on the latest developments in the animal and horticultural world.

The parks also host students studying animal management from the UK and Europe so that they can bolster their classroom studies with hands-on experience. Currently there are 23 students working across both parks.

The Aspinall Foundation educates further afield and offers outreach programmes to schools in Congo and Gabon, Java and Madagascar to educate people about the conservation work that the charity carries out with critically endangered western lowland gorillas, primates such as Javan langurs and Javan gibbons and lemurs in Madagascar.

Visit www.aspinallfoundation.org for further information about the foundation's conservation work, or to book a school visit, team building course or work experience placements and other educational talks.

BIG names set to gather for STEM sector event

A SPECIAL event uniting key players in science, technology, engineering and manufacturing (STEM) related industries with the University of Greenwich takes place this coming Wednesday in Chatham.

Members of the BIG (Business Innovation Group) Kent network and companies involved in the key sectors are all putting their weight behind the big summer event, which takes place on July 25.

The free summer event and exhibition at the St George's Centre at Medway Chatham Maritime will feature a series of presentations from senior industrial and academic speakers on issues that are key to the STEM sections.

There will also be presentations from senior members of the financial services sector delivering advice on research and development tax credits, capital allowances, venue capital investments and commercial banking issues, which affect companies operating within STEM sectors.

The BIG-Kent Summer Event will also offer networking opportunities with sector specialists and will end with a panel debate exploring how science, technology, engineering and manufacturing sectors can stimulate the economy. See www.big-kent.org.uk for details.

Decorated students are proof an eye for design can reap the rewards

HAVING an eye for detail and a flair for the artistic is not always something you can be taught. But a college course is proving a hit by promoting just that, and it's expecting a bumper turn-out for an upcoming interior design course.

Some 14 men and women emerged clutching a qualification at the end of last term after the 10-week certificate in creative techniques (interior design) course at MidKent College's Maidstone campus.

Launched in January, it is once again featured in the part-time prospectus for 2012/13.

And, with that success, course leader Ellie Bentley is now accepting applications from prospective students for the next academic year.

She said: "Programmes like Changing Rooms and 60-Minute Makeover are great for generating interest but in reality they don't work.

"People need to know how to use the techniques shown on television, otherwise they'll end up with the most awful results.

"Most people think it costs the earth but it really doesn't. All you need to do is learn how to work with what you've got and change it into something completely different.

"I've been an interior

designer for about 14 years and it's something I'm passionate about, which is why I wanted to launch this course and help to ignite other people's creativity."

Former secondary school teacher Janet Lowther, 57, from Maidstone, received a place on the course as a Christmas present from her partner.

She is now considering moving on to the 17-week interior design certificate – which also serves as a stand-alone course for more advanced students – after successfully completing the award qualification.

She said: "I started to try and change my partner's house around when I moved in with him, so it's nice to be able to say I know what I'm doing.

"I knew what looked good before but I didn't know why, and that's where the course has helped me the most – by teaching me things like line, shape, form and mirroring.

"Now the top floor of our house is being completely re-jigged thanks to what I've learned."

Other construction craft subjects available to study part-time at MidKent College include carpentry, bricklaying, bench joinery, and painting and decorating.

Visit www.midkent.ac.uk to find out more.



DESIGN FOR LIFE: Successful students with their work after the 10-week course

College cooks up a recipe for success

A TEAM of Thanet College catering students is celebrating being named Young Restaurant Team of the Year at the first ever competition held at the Skills for Chefs Conference in Sheffield.

Professional cookery level two students Daniel Read, Daniel Levey and Kyle Hadley-Quinn, who study food and beverage service level two, cooked and served a two-course meal for seven judges, including Andrew Bennett MBE, food and beverage director at Sheraton Park Lane; Nigel Craine, founder of cooking products manufacturer Essential Cuisine; and TV chef Alan Murchison.

The team's menu consisted of seabass with

smoked pommes puree and fennel, followed by a dessert of flambéed compressed apricots with chocolate parfait and toasted almond and amaretto ice cream.

The dessert featured a 'kitchen theatre' style serving, with Daniel Read displaying food on a bespoke driftwood stand at one end of the table whilst Kyle flambéed apricots at the other.

The show continued as Kyle juggled flaming amaretto before finishing it with tonka-infused coffee and vanilla cream.

Chef tutor Rob Allsworth accompanied the students to the conference, and was delighted with their efforts.

He said: "Feedback from the judges was

superb, with one comment that the teams' service was as good as a Michelin-starred establishment. Lecturers and students alike had a terrific experience, meeting chefs and industry peers and forging bonds that will help them all through their careers."

Thanet College – which is set to change its name to East Kent College for the start of the next term won a trophy and prizes. As part of their prize they will also have the opportunity to visit top London restaurant Galvin at Windows, situated on the 28th floor of the Park Lane Hilton Hotel.

Head chef Andre Garrett and Fred Siriex, front of house, will treat them to skills sessions.

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Schools & education

Two million reasons why staff are looking forward for start of term

AS schools and colleges across Kent break up for the summer, staff at Rochester Independent College are preparing for a busy six weeks, putting the finishing touches to their £2 million campus redevelopment.

The college has grown since 1984 from one building to 13.

New for September will be an underground hall with seating for 100 people and the first use of a new building acquisition, New Court at the corner of New Road and Star Hill.

Founding principal Brian Pain said: "Our underground building is an exciting development and has been designed to house a lecture hall accommodating up to 100 people.

"It is hugely insulated and therefore energy efficient and heated by an air source heat pump. It will provide a new home for the college's drama department. The copper canopied roof will be transformed into an open-air theatre auditorium in the summer months

with productions from visiting troupes and students. Low voltage electrical installation and modern construction techniques give the building a minimal carbon footprint."

The college's 2012 expansion has been supported by the Swedish bank, Handelsbanken.

Mr Pain added: "We are investing significantly in the campus and next academic year will see a dedicated arts and crafts centre established."

Encouraging more of our young people to stick with education

A GOVERNMENT commitment to keep teenagers in school until they are 18 is set to see a major focus put on keeping those aged 16 plus in full-time education.

The Government has given a commitment that all young people should have the opportunity to develop the skills they need for adult life and employment.

As part of this, the participation age for young people to remain in education or training is being raised to 18 by 2015.

To give young people in Kent the opportunity to gain key skills and qualifications, KCC will be improving the available learning options and the range of vocational qualifications on offer.

Mike Whiting, KCC cabinet member for education learning and skills, said: "We'll be working closely with our partners, further education colleagues, schools, employers and work-based learning providers.

"By coming together, we can make sure we provide more apprenticeships, pre-apprenticeship programmes and improved vocational qualifications with meaningful work experience. No less vital are academic courses – and making



FOCUSED: Keeping teenagers engaged with full time education courses is no mean feat

sure that there are quality work experience opportunities to go with them.

"The value of good education and training can never be underestimated. Providing a wide variety can help us to offer each individual the right course and the right curriculum."

Rubber stamp given for college's £20m town centre relocation

A PROPOSAL to relocate Bexley College to a new state-of-the-art facility at Stonewood Road in Erith town centre has been approved.

The development of the college will see £20 million of investment in the area, which will include a new pedestrian walkway to the station.

The construction of the college building is made possible by the development of housing on the college's existing site at Tower Road.

This move significantly increases and improves the educational opportunities for young people in Erith and Bexley, said education chiefs.

With planning permission granted, the college is now on track to open the new building in September 2014.

College principal Danny Ridgeway said: "I am delighted we have been given the go ahead to build a new £20m college in Erith town centre. I would like to thank

people for the overwhelming support we have received from the local community and local businesses.

"This is good news for staff and students since it secures the future of a rapidly improving college.

"It is welcome news for the businesses of Erith because of the spending power of our staff and students. It's also great news for the community that will have top learning facilities for decades to come."

HIGHER EDUCATION at half the cost of university



North West Kent College offers a range of Higher Education (HE) courses at half the cost of University. From £4,995 students can gain a foundation degree qualification or Higher National Diploma/Certificate and improve their chances of employability while still living at home.

The Dartford campus, where most of the courses will be delivered from, offers free parking and is accessible by easy transport links via rail, bus and the College free shuttle bus.

The College provides Foundation Degrees affiliated by The University of Greenwich and Higher National Diplomas/Certificates (HND/C) by Edexcel.

These qualifications involve close links to industry, and after two years students have the opportunity to apply to top-up their qualification to a degree, or go straight into industry. It is also possible to work while studying on several of the HE programmes.

The HE courses include: Business, Early Years, Photography, Professional Writing, Sports Science and Sports Studies. The College are also introducing new HE courses from September, in: Performing Arts, Travel and Tourism and Public Services. In addition, the College offers a part-time HNC in Electronic and Electrical Engineering at the Gravesend campus.

Curriculum Manager for Higher Education, Brian Starbuck says: "We understand the rising cost of tuition fees is making it difficult for people to go to University. We are confident

that by offering higher education courses at a lower cost, it will make it easier for potential students to achieve this."

The Business HND develops the knowledge, skills and attributes appropriate to administrative and management careers in a variety of areas of business. Elements of the course include: quantitative techniques, economics and business functions.

The Early Years Foundation Degree provides opportunities to progress into teaching or management with a potential progression onto an Early Years Professional Status course. The course will benefit students by developing confidence for the work place, problem solving and project management.

Photography is ideal for people with a passion for the art who have a desire to make a living from their images. The programme covers studio and location photography, portraiture, digital post production, advertising and editorial photography, plus critical and contextual studies.

Professional Writing focuses on developing ways of turning creative ideas into revenue. The course has generated an effective stepping-stone for students to progress onto becoming published authors or moving into creative industries such as press, advertising and script-writing.

Sports Science is based on the science behind sports performance, which underpins the theory and practical elements of a range of subjects including: practical sports performance, fitness training, sports

psychology, health, and anatomy. The course is ideal for students who wish to pursue careers such as: fitness coaches, personal trainers, sports nutritionists, sports psychologists and teachers.

Sports Studies provides students with an insight into the world of sports coaching and the sports industry. The course covers practical performance, coaching, anatomy and sports event organisation. The programme aims to produce physical education teachers, coaches, sports development officers and leisure centre staff.

The Miskin Theatre's Performing Arts course will benefit actors and technicians, providing them with the relevant training and experience to prepare them for drama school or to start work directly within the industry.

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Staff Nurse Outpatients (Margate)

Part-time position available 20 hrs per week
Specialist interest in Bariatric nursing desirable

Qualifications

Registered Nurse 1st Level

Evidence of continual professional development

To discuss this opportunity or to arrange an informal visit please contact:-
Carolyn Flegg - Senior Staff Nurse on 01843 234555 Ext: 63425

Staff Nurse Outpatients (Ashford)

Part-time position available 20 hrs per week

Qualifications

Registered Nurse 1st Level

Evidence of continual professional development

To discuss this opportunity or to arrange an informal visit please contact:-
Mary Guarnieri - Matron on 01843 234252

Staff Nurse (Margate)

Full or Part-time position available

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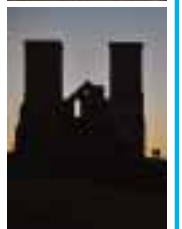
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For job description and application form please contact:-

Jo Edwards, East Kent Medical Services Ltd
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Lecturer in Hair

Ref: P0559

Salary: £26,336 to £30,118 per annum (dependent on qualifications and experience)
37 hours per week. Maidstone Campus

We have an exciting opportunity to recruit a passionate individual to teach, assess and contribute to the development of Hair Design programmes. The applicant must have NVQ level 3 and A1 awards, with a minimum of 18 months A1 experience and should hold, or be willing to work towards, a teaching qualification. Experience of apprenticeships and salon management would be desirable. Recent industry experience would be advantageous.

Music Tutor

Ref: P0263

Salary: £26,836 - £31,218 per annum depending upon experience and qualifications
37 hours per week. Medway Campus

Experienced Music Tutor is required to teach Level 2 and 3 Music. Experience of BTEC qualifications and Internal Verification is essential. The applicant should have previous professional experience and knowledge of the current music industry. Ability to direct and support a range of music students within rehearsals is necessary with a sound knowledge of music theory.

Musical Theatre Tutor for Level 3 and 4

Ref: P0272

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Lecturer in Social Science

Ref: M0431

Part-time, Fixed Term Maternity Cover
£17,753 - £34,505 pro rata (dependent on qualifications and experience)
18.5 hours per week. Medway Campus

We are looking for an enthusiastic and experienced Social Science lecturer to join our Access to Higher Education team. They will need to have experience of teaching both Psychology and Sociology, preferably to adult learners. The successful candidate will hold, or be willing to work towards, a recognised teaching qualification.

The successful candidates must be excellent teachers who share our passion for success and who take a proactive approach in promoting and developing the courses within the Faculty.

Closing Date: 12 noon on Thursday 2 August 2012

The College is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of young people and vulnerable adults and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. Any offer of employment is subject to a Criminal Records Bureau check in accordance with the College procedure.

Application forms and further details are available from www.midkent.ac.uk. Alternatively, please e-mail job.applications@midkent.ac.uk. For individuals without access to e-mail or the internet please call the HR department on 01634 383102 (24 hour answer machine). In all communication with the College please quote the appropriate job title and reference number.



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LECTURER IN CONSTRUCTION

To raise aspirations, develop skills and deliver quality across a range of courses in the Programme Area.

The role attracts a salary of £25,589 - £30,205 per annum, all year, plus a contributory pension scheme, 41 days holiday and a comprehensive range of staff benefits.

Interview Date: Monday 20th August 2012

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Closing date: Wednesday 1st August 2012

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A Level Lecturer 30 hours per week

Ref: P0441

Salary: £26,336 - £30,118 pro rata (dependent on qualifications and experience)
Medway Campus

We are looking for an enthusiastic and energetic teacher to join our A levels and Access team. The successful candidate will teach on Level 2 and Level 3 programmes across a range of subjects including Government & Politics and History. The applicant will hold a relevant degree and have or be willing to work towards a recognised teaching qualification.

Student Financial Support Advisor Part-time, 18.5 hours per week

Ref: P0256

Salary: £15,891 - £17,050 pro rata (dependent on qualifications and experience)
Medway/Maidstone Campus

We are looking to recruit an excellent candidate to provide friendly and approachable assistance to students throughout the College. The successful candidate will process applications to the student support funds, administer the resulting awards and communicate the outcomes to students and college departments via telephone, email and post. The ideal candidate will have proven experience within a customer service environment and a Level 2 qualification in business admin or equivalent.

Recruitment Assistant

Ref: P0028

Salary: £15,891 - £19,464 per annum (dependent on qualifications and experience)
Full time, based at Medway campus but part-time at Maidstone campus

The College is looking to recruit an exceptional individual to assist and support in the operation of the Job Shop services, developing strong links with local employers to establish employment opportunities for students. The successful candidate will provide generalist advice to teaching and support staff in line with the College and departmental procedures and assist in the day to day running of the Job Shop, a front line customer service role. Experience within a sales or marketing role is desirable.

Lecturer in Motor Vehicle

Ref: P0605

Salary: £26,336 - £30,118 per annum (dependent on qualifications and experience)
Full time, Medway

We are looking for an energetic, enthusiastic and forward-thinking individual who has both the industrial knowledge and experience of working within the FE sector to deliver Motor Vehicle in the new training facilities at our Medway Campus. The post will require an effective team player who is innovative and flexible to respond to the demands of the curriculum. You will have at least a Level 3 qualification or equivalent in Automotive Engineering and a relevant teaching qualification or have a willingness to undertake a formal teaching qualification to the required national standards. Level 2 English and Mathematics qualifications are essential as is a commitment to student success. Recent experience of teaching young people from Entry 3 to Level 2 would be an advantage.

Technician/Instructor in Motor Vehicle

Ref: P0604

Salary: £15,891 - £19,464 per annum (dependent on qualifications and experience)
Full-time, Medway

We are looking to appoint an enthusiastic and experienced technician to support the curriculum and workshop activities within the new Motor Vehicle facilities at our Medway campus. As well as a relevant vocational qualification you will have an Assessors Award, Health and Safety qualification and First Aid qualification or willingness to work towards these. This exciting post requires effective planning and organisational skills and the ability to work flexibly and reliably with minimum supervision.

Hourly paid Lecturer in Art and Design

Ref: SESS

Hourly Rate: £23.44 - £24.30 (dependent on qualifications and experience)
Maidstone Campus

The College is seeking an outstanding candidate to deliver Level 2 and 3 courses across a wide range of Art subjects, including print making. The successful candidate must have a degree in Art and Design, and experience in teaching, holding or willing to work towards a recognised teaching qualification. We are looking for an interactive team member with strong communication skills.

Quality Coordinator

Ref: P0607

Salary: £24,842 - £31,516 pro rata (dependent on qualifications and experience)
Part-time, 14.8 hours per week

We are seeking to appoint a Quality Co-ordinator to be responsible for the quality assurance of off-site vocational provision delivered by the College and its partner organisations. Reporting to the Assistant Principal - Standards and Quality Improvement, you will make an important contribution to the monitoring and development of the College's quality improvement procedures and initiatives in a variety of settings away from the College's main sites in Medway and Maidstone. You will have a thorough understanding of the assessment processes of vocational provision.

Closing date: 12 noon Thursday 26 July 2012

**For an application pack and further details visit www.midkent.ac.uk or e mail job.applications@midkent.ac.uk.
Alternatively you may contact Human Resources on 01634 383102.**

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WORK PLACE INFORMATION ADVICE AND GUIDANCE BROKER FIXED TERM FOR ONE YEAR

Responsible for Employer Engagement, Guidance and Work Place Learning Brokerage.

The role attracts a salary scale of £22,289 - £26,408 per annum plus a contributory pension scheme, 26 days holiday and a comprehensive range of staff benefits.

Interview date: 8th August 2012

ASSISTANT FINANCIAL ACCOUNTANT

Responsible for the supervision of the Finance Assistants and the nominal ledger and balance sheet.

The role attracts a fixed point salary of £23,040 per annum plus a contributory pension scheme, 25 days holiday and a comprehensive range of staff benefits.

ASSISTANT MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTANT/PAYROLL

To prepare the College monthly accounts and other ad-hoc reports as required. To administrate and process the College payroll, including production of annual returns for pensions and PAYE.

The role attracts a fixed point salary of £20,246 per annum plus a contributory pension scheme, 25 days holiday and a comprehensive range of staff benefits.

PROCUREMENT OFFICER

Ensure adherence to purchasing policies, to maximise value for money and to realise savings and benefits available to the College from purchasing activities.

The role attracts a fixed point salary of £20,246 per annum plus a contributory pension scheme, 25 days holiday and a comprehensive range of staff benefits.

Interview Date: Wednesday 1st August 2012

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Closing date: Wednesday 25th July 2012



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Inclusive Education Facilitator Team Leader

To facilitate the College's inclusive provision from KS3 through to KS5 and promote delivery approaches which raise the quality of alternative curricula and impact on the achievements and aspirations of all students, in a safe, stimulating and supportive learning environment.

To lead the Inclusive Education team.

The role attracts a fixed point salary of £27,187 per annum plus a contributory pension scheme, 41 days holiday and a comprehensive range of staff benefits.

Interview date: Monday 20th August 2012

Inclusive Education Facilitators

To facilitate the College's inclusive provision from KS3 through to KS5 and promote delivery approaches which raise the quality of alternative curricula and impact on the achievements and aspirations of all students, in a safe, stimulating and supportive learning environment.

The role attracts a fixed point salary of £25,589 per annum plus a contributory pension scheme, 41 days holiday and a comprehensive range of staff benefits.

Interview Date: Tuesday 21st August 2012

Inclusive Education Practitioners

To facilitate the College's inclusive provision from KS3 through to KS5 and promote delivery approaches which raise the quality of alternative curricula and impact on the achievements and aspirations of all students, in a safe, stimulating and supportive learning environment.

The role attracts a fixed point salary of £15,022 per annum, for 38 weeks worked per year, plus a contributory pension scheme, 23 days paid holiday and a comprehensive range of staff benefits.

Interview Date: Wednesday 22nd August 2012

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Closing date: Wednesday 1st August 2012



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Programme Area Manager for Catering and Hospitality

We have a rare opportunity for an outstanding individual to join a College which is changing fast and building on an exceptional reputation in Catering and Hospitality. We offer our students the best learning and training experience in a dynamic and inspiring environment and we are looking for someone who meets our exacting standards and is seeking an exciting role.

You would be leading an established team, characterised by excellence and recognised internationally. Our students have just been named Young Restaurant Team of the Year at the Skills for Chefs Conference. One of them won the prestigious Auguste Escoffier Foundation competition this year at Menton, France, and we are now in the 10th year of our National Juniorchef competition, judged by Gary Rhodes.

The role attracts a salary of £33,917 - £38,358 per annum, all year, plus a contributory pension scheme, 36 days holiday and a comprehensive range of staff benefits.

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Closing date: Wednesday 1 August 2012

Interview Date: Wednesday 29 August 2012

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Closing date: **05 Aug 2012**

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CAREERS PROGRESSION ADVISOR

Fixed Term to 21st December 2012 - Maternity Cover

To operate a client-centred vocational progression programme of careers education, providing comprehensive information, advice, guidance and careers education. To support progression of existing and potential students to internal college programmes, employment, Higher Education, partner organisations or self-employment.

The role attracts a salary of £9,830 - £11,520 per annum, for 18.5 hours per week, all year, plus a contributory pension scheme, 25 days pro rata holiday and a comprehensive range of staff benefits.

Interview Date: Wednesday 15th August 2012

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Closing date: Wednesday 1st August 2012

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PLANNING



THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE) (ENGLAND) ORDER 2010

The following applications have been submitted for consideration by the Council:

Y12/0258/SH - 6 Albion Villas Folkestone Kent CT20 1RP - Crown lift & 30% crown reduction to one Holm Oak tree, removal of main limb, height reduction of 4.5m & crown reduction of lateral limbs by 2.5m to one Sycamore tree, together with felling of one Elder tree, all situated within a conservation area.

Y12/0623/SH - 30 Sandgate Hill Sandgate Folkestone Kent CT20 3AX - Installation of side dormer window, formation of new vehicular access and rear decking area.

Y12/0634/SH - 10 Westcliff House West Cliff Gardens Folkestone Kent CT20 1SZ - Installation of replacement uPVC windows and balcony doors to 3rd floor flat on the south west elevation.

Y12/0632/SH* - Land adjoining Valley View Elvington Lane Hawkinge Kent - Erection of two detached dwellings (re-submission of Y11/0498/SH).

Y12/0356/SH+ - 92 High Street Hythe Kent CT21 5LE - Installation of two replacement uPVC windows.

Y12/0631/SH - Greenways Old Road Elham Canterbury Kent - Felling of a Plum tree situated within a conservation area.

Y12/0630/SH+ - Saltwood House Rectory Lane Saltwood Hythe Kent - Listed building consent for re-roofing and insertion of breather membrane, replacement of gutters, removal of 1 rooflight and replacement of 4 rooflights; reinstatement of 2 chimneys and replacement of uPVC window to valley gutter.

Y11/0976/SH# - 7 Manor Road Lydd Romney Marsh Kent TN29 9HR - Erection of a two storey detached dwelling with first floor balcony to rear (south west) elevation and detached garage with annex accommodation above at first floor level following demolition of existing bungalow.

Any representations should be made in writing to the Head of Planning, Shepway District Council, Civic Centre, Castle Hill Avenue, Folkestone, Kent, CT20 2QY or emailed to planning@shepway.gov.uk. Comments should be made in writing within 21 days from the date of publication. It should be noted that any representations received will be made available for public inspection.

Some applications can be viewed at other locations in addition to the Civic Centre, Folkestone. The applications are marked as follows:

- The One Stop Shop, Magpies, Church Approach, New Romney

+ - Hythe Town Council Offices, Stade Street, Hythe

Applications can be viewed and comments made online at <http://searchplanapps.shepway.gov.uk/online-applications/>.

The applications marked (*) do not accord with the provisions of the development plan in force in the area in which the land to which the application relates is situated.

C Lewis, Head of Planning
Shepway District Council

PLANNING

THE MAIDSTONE BOROUGH COUNCIL Town and Country Planning Act Notice of Applications

MA/11/1047/S - HORSESHOES RIDING SCHOOL, HORSESHOES COURT, DEAN STREET, EAST FARLEIGH, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME15 0PR - Erection of a hay barn. **Reason: 1**

MA/11/1939/S - ALBION INN, CHURCH STREET, BOUGHTON MONCHELSEA, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME17 4HW - Erection of a single storey rear and side extension. **Reason: 1, 2**

MA/12/0551/S - LAND REAR OF LADY JANE PUB, CHURCH GREEN, MARDEN, KENT - An outline application with only access and scale to be considered at this stage for the erection of 8 cottages with occupation limited to over 55 years old. Creation of 3 additional parking spaces to provide 9 car spaces in total. **Reason: 2**

MA/12/0678/S - OLD SCHOOL HALL, LOWER ROAD, EAST FARLEIGH, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME15 0JL - Change of use of first floor to residential, installation of internal doorways, stud walls and mezzanine floors, installation of roof lights and creation of first floor balcony. **Reason: 1, 2**

MA/12/0679/S - OLD SCHOOL HALL, LOWER ROAD, EAST FARLEIGH, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME15 0JL - An application for listed building consent for the change of use of first floor to residential, installation of internal doorways, stud walls and mezzanine floors and installation of roof lights. **Reason: 3**

MA/12/0955/N - BISHOPS, AVERY LANE, OTHAM, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME15 8RZ - An application for listed building consent for the conversion of existing garage to single dwellinghouse including various alterations and additions and demolition of existing stable block. **Reason: 3**

MA/12/1042/S - 3, NEW INN COTTAGES, FORGE LANE, EAST FARLEIGH, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME15 0HN - Replacement rear dormer window and installation of roof window to front. **Reason: 2**

MA/12/1058/N - 23, BREWER STREET, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME14 1RU - Retrospective application for the insertion of white uPVC windows. **Reason: 2**

MA/12/1073/S - HILLSIDE, HAYLE PLACE, CRIPPLE STREET, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME15 6DW - Application for conservation area consent to demolish conservatory. **Reason: 4**

MA/12/1074/S - HILLSIDE, HAYLE PLACE, CRIPPLE STREET, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME15 6DW - Erection of a new first floor and replacement conservatory. **Reason: 1, 2**

MA/12/1081/N - KENT MUSIC SCHOOL, ASTLEY HOUSE, HASTINGS ROAD, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME15 7SG - Variation of condition 6 of approval of reserved matters MA/11/1202 to substitute drawing no. 14386PA/3200revC4 for the previous plan 2143-02revD to allow for revised external surface materials to the access road. (MA/11/1202: Application for approval of reserved matters of appearance, landscaping, layout and scale pursuant to outline planning permission MA/10/0594 seeking approval for the erection of 25 two, three and four bedroom dwellings with associated parking and access roads). **Reason: 6**

MA/12/1098/S - BEULTSIDE, LEES ROAD, YALDING, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME18 6HB - Rear extension and alterations. **Reason: 2**

MA/12/1105/N - CRICKETERS ARMS, 48, MOTE ROAD, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME15 6ES - Change of use of public bar to additional residential accommodation; including the sealing of two redundant entrances, internal changes and the erection of fencing to the boundary. **Reason: 1**

MA/12/1107/S - BEALE FARM, GOUDHURST ROAD, MARDEN, TONBRIDGE, KENT, TN12 9LT - Installation of a new packaged sewage treatment plant to replace existing septic tank. **Reason: 1**

MA/12/1121/S - FORMER SENACRE TECHNOLOGY SCHOOL SITE, SUTTON ROAD, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME15 9DT - Erection of 14 new dwellings and associated garages (Replanning of original consent MA/08/2489). **Reason: 6**

MA/12/1133/N - SANDHURST, LENHAM HEATH ROAD, LENHAM HEATH, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME17 2BP - Erection of a replacement garage/home office. **Reason: 1**

MA/12/1138/N - SNOWFIELD, YEOMAN LANE, BEARSTED, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME14 4DH - Retrospective planning application for the replacement of orangery, new entrance gates, 2m palisade fencing to north eastern boundary and works to north western elevation of dwelling. **Reason: 1, 2**

MA/12/1139/N - SNOWFIELD, YEOMAN LANE, BEARSTED, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME14 4DH - Retrospective listed building consent is sought for the replacement of orangery and works to north western elevation of dwelling. **Reason: 3**

MA/12/1141/S - THE GRANARY, GRANARY FIELDS, COLLIER STREET, TONBRIDGE, KENT, TN12 9RR - Two storey rear extension with associated parking and creation of a new access involving demolition of piggy building. **Reason: 1**

MA/12/1154/S - HAYLE COTTAGE, HAYLE PLACE, CRIPPLE STREET, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME15 6DW - Erection of a two storey side extension, insertion of new pitched roof to flat roof, erection of railings and new porch canopy to front. **Reason: 1, 2**

MA/12/1155/S - HAYLE COTTAGE, HAYLE PLACE, CRIPPLE STREET, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME15 6DW - Application for listed building consent for the erection of a two storey side extension, insertion of new pitched roof to flat roof, lantern and parapet to roof of conservatory, erection of railings and new porch canopy to front and alterations to fenestration. **Reason: 3**

MA/12/1170/N - 3, ABBEY COURT COTTAGES, BOARLEY LANE, SANDLING, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME14 3BU - Single-storey rear extension. **Reason: 1**

MA/12/1195/S - 10, LOWER FANT ROAD, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME16 8EA - Alterations to fenestration including repair and replacement render to elevations and additional door and windows. **Reason: 1**

MA/12/1196/S - 10, LOWER FANT ROAD, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME16 8EA - An application for listed building consent for installation of roof insulation, alterations to fenestration including repair and replacement of rainwater goods, render to elevations and additional door and windows. **Reason: 3**

MA/12/1197/N - THE WINDMILL, 32, EYHORNE STREET, HOLLINGBOURNE, KENT, ME17 1TR - An application for listed building consent for internal refurbishment and redecoration of ground floor bar area and toilets. **Reason: 3**

MA/12/1199/N - FLAT 3, 62 - 64, LOWER STONE STREET, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME15 6NA - An application for listed building consent for the introduction of a hole through the front elevation to allow a broadband cable to pass through. **Reason: 3**

Reasons for advertisement key:

- 1 - Applications affects the setting of a Listed Building.
- 2 - Application affects the setting of a Conservation Area.
- 3 - Application is for Listed Building Consent.
- 4 - Application is for Conservation Area Consent.
- 6 - Application is Major Development.

Copies of applications listed may be seen at Maidstone Gateway, Maidstone during office hours (Monday to Wednesday 8.30am to 5.30pm, Thursday 8.30am to 7pm, Friday 8.30am to 5.30pm and Saturday 9am to 1pm). Any representations should be made in writing to me by no later than **5th August 2012**, quoting the application number.

Rob Jarman, Head of Development Management, Maidstone Borough Council, Maidstone House, King Street, Maidstone, Kent ME15 6JQ. **Dated:** 22nd July 2012



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Planning applications



Notice under Article 8 of the Town & Country Planning (General Development Procedure) Order 1995
 Notice under Section 67 and/or Section 73 of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990
 Notice under Regulation 5 of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Regulations 1990
 Notice under Regulation 5A of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2004

The following applications have been submitted for consideration by the council:

CA/12/01071/FUL: Rose Cottage, Bolts Hill, Chartham, CT4 7LD Demolition of existing conservatory and first-floor extension and construction of two-storey extension to rear of dwelling. **Applicant: Prof A Hone** Reason: Conservation area.
CA/12/01106/OUT: Former Southern Water Site, Sturry Road, Canterbury, CT2 0AA Application for a new planning permission to replace planning permission CA/09/00894/OUT for the erection of a mixed use trade park development with associated access, car parking and highways works, including widening of the footpath/cycleway (outline application) in order to extend the time limit for implementation.
Applicant: Glenbeigh Developments Ltd and the Trustees of the Canterbury Syndicate Reason: Major development.
CA/12/01107/FUL: 31 Mickleburgh Hill, Herne Bay, CT6 6DT Replacement windows and door. **Applicant: Mr T Nicholls** Reason: Conservation area.
CA/12/01139/LB: The Coach House, Denne Hill Farm, Womenswold, CT4 6HD Internal and external alterations in connection with proposed change of use of former Coach House to provide a dwelling and holiday accommodation and erection of detached double garage.
Applicant: Mr and Mrs Loder-Symonds Reason: Work to a listed building.
CA/12/01149/FUL: Former Royal Oak Public House, Park Road, Herne Bay, CT6 5SR Conversion and extension to public house to form three residential units and erection of three residential units in the grounds. Demolition of existing single-storey extension. **Applicant: Romun Ltd** Reason: Conservation area.
CA/12/01165/LB: 1 Thatched Cottages, Highstead, Chislet, CT3 4LX Installation of window in west elevation and rebuilding chimney stack.
Applicant: Ms M Fulcher Reason: Work to a listed building.
CA/12/01171/LB: 6 St Alphege Lane, Canterbury, CT1 2EB Removal of shop front and insertion of sash windows and internal alterations.
Applicant: Mr L Parker Reason: Work to a listed building.

Any representations should be sent in writing to the Head of Planning and Regeneration, Canterbury City Council, Military Road, Canterbury CT1 1YW or e-mailed to development.management@canterbury.gov.uk to arrive on or before **Monday 13 August 2012**.

The weekly list of applications can be viewed on our website at: www.canterbury.gov.uk/dcc

Ian Brown, Head of Planning and Regeneration
Friday 20 July 2012

Town and Country Planning Acts

The Council is required to give notice of the following applications

12/01876/HOUSE Crooke Cottage Crook Road, Brencley
 - Rear ground and first floor extension (LB)

12/01909/FUL Beresford Lodge Bedgebury Road, Goudhurst
 - Renewal of consent (TW/06/02505 refers) - Demolition of the existing extension to Beresford Lodge and a detached ancillary building and erection of a replacement dwelling with ancillary garage building, new vehicular access and hard and soft landscaping (TW/09/03067 refers) - variation of condition 2 - submission of proposed samples and materials prior to any works thereby affected are begun as opposed to prior to the commencement of development (LB)

12/01911/FUL Beresford Lodge Bedgebury Road, Goudhurst
 - Renewal of consent (TW/06/02505 refers) - Demolition of the existing extension to Beresford Lodge and a detached ancillary building and erection of a replacement dwelling with ancillary garage building, new vehicular access and hard and soft landscaping (TW/09/03067 refers) - variation of condition 3 - construction and approval of a panel of masonry prior to any works thereby affected are begun as opposed to before any development commences (LB)

12/01912/FUL Beresford Lodge Bedgebury Road, Goudhurst
 - Renewal of consent (TW/06/02505 refers) - Demolition of the existing extension to Beresford Lodge and a detached ancillary building and erection of a replacement dwelling with ancillary garage building, new vehicular access and hard and soft landscaping (TW/09/03067 refers) - variation of condition 4 - submission and approval of details relating to the windows of the new building prior to construction of the new dwelling as opposed to before any development commences (LB)

12/01914/FUL Beresford Lodge Bedgebury Road, Goudhurst
 - Renewal of consent (TW/06/02505 refers) - Demolition of the existing extension to Beresford Lodge and a detached ancillary building and erection of a replacement dwelling with ancillary garage building, new vehicular access and hard and soft landscaping (TW/09/03067 refers) - variation of condition 5 - submission and approval of details relating to the external walls, windows, doors etc. of the new building prior to construction of the new dwelling as opposed to before any development commences (LB)

12/01916/FUL Beresford Lodge Bedgebury Road, Goudhurst
 - Renewal of consent (TW/06/02505 refers) - Demolition of the existing extension to Beresford Lodge and a detached ancillary building and erection of a replacement dwelling with ancillary garage building, new vehicular access and hard and soft landscaping (TW/09/03067 refers) - variation of condition 6 - submission and approval of details relating to the landscaping scheme prior to any works thereby affected are begun as opposed to before any development commences (LB)

12/01918/FUL Beresford Lodge Bedgebury Road, Goudhurst
 - Renewal of consent (TW/06/02505 refers) - Demolition of the existing extension to Beresford Lodge and a detached ancillary building and erection of a replacement dwelling with ancillary garage building, new vehicular access and hard and soft landscaping (TW/09/03067 refers) - variation of condition 10 - submission and approval of details relating to the Woodland Management plan prior to any works affected are begun, as opposed to before any development commences (LB)

12/01896/FULMJ Tesco Rye Road, Hawkhurst
 - Variation of Condition 13 of TW/10/02328 - (Demolition of the former bus station and erection of single storey A1 retail unit with ancillary car parking for 82 vehicles, including 3 disabled and 3 parent/child parking spaces) - To allow temporary relaxation of store opening hours to 09.00 to 20.00 on Sundays (and Bank Holiday) in accordance with 'Sunday Trading (London Olympic Games and Paralympic Games) Act 2012' from 22 July to 9 September 2012 (MAJOR) (CA)

12/01865/HOUSE 8 The Slade Lamberhurst, Lamberhurst
 - Two storey side extension and internal alterations (CA)
 (DEVPLN) Departure from the Development Plan (PROW) Affecting A Public Right of Way (CA) Affecting a Conservation Area (LB) Affecting a Listed Building (MAJOR) Major Applications (MAST) Mast Applications (EIA) Applications Accompanied by an EIA Statement.

You may view these applications on our website (www.tunbridgejwells.gov.uk), at the The Old Fire Station, Stone Street, Cranbrook or at Gateway, 8 Grosvenor Road, Tunbridge Wells. We accept comments online, by email to planningcomments@tunbridgejwells.gov.uk or in writing to the address below. Comments should be made within 21 days from the date of this notice, although we may accept them after this date.

You should quote the reference and be aware that we make all comments available for inspection, placing them on the file and publishing them on the internet. We do not publish signatures, telephone numbers or email addresses on the internet.

Jim Kehoe
 Head of Planning Services
 Town Hall, Royal Tunbridge Wells TN1 1RS
Dated: 21 July 2012



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TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990 PLANNING (LISTED BUILDINGS AND CONSERVATION AREAS) ACT 1990

Swale Borough Council as Local Planning Authority has received the following applications which are being advertised to ascertain the views of persons living near the sites and other interested parties. The proposed developments relate to one or more of the following:

1. The site of the application is within/affecting a designated Conservation Area (Section 73) of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990.
2. The proposed development may affect the Listed Building or it's setting.
3. The application would affect a right of way to which Part III of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended) applies.
4. The application would affect a right of way to which Part III of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended) applies.
5. This application may be of wider public interest.

REPRESENTATIONS IN RESPECT OF THE FOLLOWING APPLICATIONS MUST BE MADE BY 06 AUGUST 2012

SW/12/0211:
 Change of Use of Shed and Pole Barn to B1 Light Industrial - Abbey Farm, Abbey Road, FAVERSHAM; **REASON 1 & 2**

SW/12/0374:
 Excavation of agricultural production land to create 2 reservoirs for the purpose of agricultural irrigation - South Leas Farm, Lower Road, MINSTER; **REASON 6**

SW/12/0858:
 Loft conversion with front and rear dormers - 111 Sterling Road, SITTINGBOURNE; **REASON 4**

SW/12/0880:
 Listed Building Consent for addition of French windows to first floor rear and porch to side entrance - Trafalgar House, Vicarage Lane, SELLING; **REASON 2**

SW/12/0871 & SW/12/0872:
 To install two external access staircases and two internal staircases to existing workshop buildings, minor alterations to floor structure, existing and former door openings use for external staircases - Buildings 1 & 2, Standard Quay, Abbey Road, FAVERSHAM; **REASONS 1, 2 & 4**

SW/12/0889 & SW/12/0945:
 Proposed conversion of existing semi-detached Grade II Listed houses into 4 No 1 and 2 bedroom self-contained apartments with associated car parking to the rear and including the retention of the William Barrows Charitable Trust Board Room and creation of modest ancillary facilities supporting that function - Forge House/Barrow House, The Street, BORDEN; **REASONS 1 & 2**

SW/12/0893:
 Change of use of council land adjacent 90 Upper Brents Faversham for use as additional private garden, for 90 Upper Brents Faversham. The planting of an evergreen hedge as shown on drawing No 2012-101-01A to define boundary. - Land Adjacent to 90 Upper Brents, FAVERSHAM; **REASON 1**

SW/12/0908:
 Use as auction house - Unit 14, Faversham Shipyard, Upper Brents, FAVERSHAM; **REASON 6**

Particulars of the proposal(s) can be obtained from Planning Services, Swale Borough Council, Swale House, East Street, Sittingbourne, where copies of the applications and all documents submitted with them may be inspected during office hours; any representations should be made in writing to this address.

James Freeman
 Head of Planning

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR PLANNING PERMISSION

NOTICE UNDER ARTICLE 13 OF THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE) (ENGLAND) ORDER 2010

KCC/AS/0225/2012 - Proposed development at Ashford Household Waste Recycling Centre, Brunswick Road, Ashford, TN23 1EL.

Kent County Council Waste Management is applying to the County Planning Authority for planning permission for a section 73 application to vary conditions 4 and 17 of planning permission AS/11/981 to allow a 0.5m reduction in permitted ground levels across the site, alongside changes to the permitted site layout and building design.

You may view this application via a computer link at the following locations: (a) Ashford Gateway Plus, Church Road, Ashford; and (b) Tenterden Gateway, 2 Manor Row, High Street, Tenterden.

Alternatively, details of all applications can be viewed on Kent County Council's website at www.kent.gov.uk/viewapplications or at our offices in Maidstone at the address below during all reasonable office hours.

We accept comments online via our website, by email to planning.applications@kent.gov.uk or in writing to Planning Applications Group, Kent County Council, First Floor, Invicta House, County Hall, Maidstone, Kent, ME14 1XX within 21 days from the date of this notice. Please quote the application reference number and note that comments may be drawn to the attention of Council Members, the applicant and other interested persons and may include publishing on the Borough Council website.

Sharon Thompson
 Head of Planning
 Applications Group
 Kent County Council
Dated: 22nd July 2012



THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL

(THE DISTRICT OF SHEPWAY, VARIOUS ROADS) (RESTRICTIONS AND PROHIBITIONS OF WAITING, LOADING AND UNLOADING)

CONSOLIDATION ORDER 2010 (AMENDMENT NO 14)

Notice is hereby given that KENT COUNTY COUNCIL has made the above Order under Sections 1, 2 and 124 of and Part IV of Schedule 9 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, and of all other enabling powers, and after consultation with the chief officer of police in accordance with Part III of Schedule 9 to the Act:

The Order shall come into effect on the 26th July 2012 and shall implement the following restrictions:

No waiting at any time on the following roads:

Beatty Road, both sides from a point 6.8 metres north east of its junction with Beatty Close to a point 6 metres south west of its junction with Page Place;

Beatty Close, both sides from its junction with Beatty Road, south east for a distance of 7 metres;

Page Place, both sides from its junction with Beatty Road, north west for a distance of 7 metres;

Holly Close, both sides from its junction with Ivy Way north west for a distance of 36 metres;

Ivy Way, both sides from a point 5.5 metres north east of its junction with Holly Close to a point 5.5 metres south west of that junction;

Canterbury Road, west side from a point 16 metres north west of its junction with Walton Manor Close, to a point 16 metres south of that junction;

Walton Manor Close, both sides, from its junction with Canterbury Road, west for a distance of 23 metres;

Wear Bay Road, both sides from a point 13 metres west of its western junction with Stanbury Crescent, to a point 12.5 metres east of that junction and then both sides from a point 14 metres west of its eastern junction with Stanbury Crescent, to a point 11.5 metres east of that junction;

Stanbury Crescent, both sides of both junctions with Wear Bay Road, north for a distance of 13 metres;

Dymchurch Road, north side, from its junction with Scanlons Bridge to a point 8 metres east of its junction with St Nicholas Road

No waiting at any time between 1st April - 30th September on the following roads:

Sea Wall, both sides from its junction with High Street, east for a distance of 220 metres

No waiting between 08:00 and 18:00 hours Monday to Friday on the following roads:

Jointon Road; north west side, from its junction with Shorncliffe Road, south west for a distance of 105 metres and then south west side from a point 75 metres south west from its junction with Shorncliffe Road to a point 105 metres south west of that junction.

Provision of parking places for a maximum of 1 hour in any 3 hour period between 08:00 and 18:00 hours Monday to Saturday on the following roads:

Black Bull Road, north west side, from a point 17 metres north east of its junction with Bradstone Avenue to a point 34 metres north east of that junction

A copy of the made Order, a copy of any Orders which have been amended by it, and a statement of the council's reasons for proposing it can be inspected during normal office hours at the Civic Centre, Castle Hill Avenue, Folkestone, CT20 2QY, during normal office hours.

If you have any questions concerning the made Order or require further information please contact Shepway District Council (Transportation Department), Council Offices, Castle Hill Avenue, Folkestone, CT20 2QY (01303 853240 during normal office hours).

This notice is published by Shepway District Council on behalf of Kent Highway Services, County Hall, Maidstone, ME14 1XX. Kent Highway Services is part of Kent County Council.



THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL

(THE DISTRICT OF SHEPWAY, VARIOUS ROADS) (PROVISION OF ON-STREET DISABLED PERSON'S PARKING PLACES)

CONSOLIDATION ORDER 2012 (AMENDMENT NO. 1)

Notice is hereby given that KENT COUNTY COUNCIL proposes the above Order under Sections 1, 2, 32 and 124 of and Part IV of Schedule 9 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, and of all other enabling powers, and after consultation with the chief officer of police in accordance with Part III of Schedule 9 to the Act:

The Order shall come into effect on the 26th July 2012 and shall implement the following:-

To install disabled persons' parking places in the vicinity of the following locations:- 7 Sir John Moore Avenue, Hythe; 13 Cinque Ports Avenue, Hythe; 26 Station Road, Lymping; 27 Blenheim Road, New Romney; 91 Morehall Avenue, Folkestone; 11 Garden Road, Folkestone; 1 Abbott Road, Folkestone; 3 New Street, Folkestone; 96 Marshall Avenue, Folkestone; 57 Mackenzie Drive, Folkestone; 43 Linden Crescent, Folkestone; 71 Bouverie Road West, Folkestone.

To revoke the following disabled persons' parking places:- 32 Church Road, Folkestone; 65 Morehall Avenue, Folkestone; 22 Royal Military Avenue, Folkestone; 5 Woodfield Avenue, Folkestone; 188 Seabrook Road, Hythe.

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HIGHWAYS

HIGHWAYS - In the area of Ashford

CANTERBURY ROAD, BRABOURNE (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of carriageway patching works, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Canterbury Road, Brabourne, on or after 23 July 2012 for up to 2 weeks or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed in phases between the junctions with Pound Lane and The Street.

The alternative routes depend on which part of Canterbury Road is closed, and are as follows.

Whilst closed between Pound lane and Manor Pound Lane, diversion via Canterbury Road, Plain Road, Lees Road, and Manor Pound Lane

Whilst closed between Manor Pound Lane and The Street, diversion via Manor Pound Lane, Weekes Lane, Pilgrims Way and Stock Lane.

Please note that there will be a further one day closure in August or September for surface dressing works.

CHURCH ROAD, WAREHORNE (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of water mains replacement works, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Church Road, Warehome, on or after 27 July 2012 for up to 6 weeks.

The road will be closed between the junction with the B2067 and Sycamore House.

The alternative route for through traffic is via B2067 Kenardington Road, Appledore Road, Church Lane, Firs Lane, Hogg Lane and Arrowhead Lane.

Although the road will be closed to through traffic, every effort will be made to maintain as much access as possible for residents within the area affected by the works.

HIGHFIELD LANE, MERSHAM (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of water mains replacement works, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Highfield Lane, Mersham, on or after 23 July 2012 for up to 4 months or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed between the junctions with A20 Hythe Road and Church Road.

The alternative route is via A20 Hythe Road, Willesborough Interchange, B2070 Bad Munstereifel Road and Church Road.

ROCK HILL ROAD, EGERTON (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of works to replace a culvert, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Rock Hill Road, Egerton, on or after 6 August 2012 for up to 2 weeks, or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed between the track to the south of Rock Hill Bungalow and Bourn Field Farm, with no access for through traffic between the junctions with Stone Hill Road and New Road.

The alternative route is via New Road, Egerton Road, Smarden Road, The Pinnock and Munday Bois Lane.

HIGHWAYS - In the area of Canterbury

CYCLE TRACK FROM BEAONSFIELD ROAD PATH TO BEAONSFIELD ROAD, CANTERBURY (RESTRICTIONS ON CYCLISTS AND PEDESTRIANS) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of gas mains replacement works, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through use by cyclists and pedestrians of the Cycle Track from Beaconsfield Road Path to Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury, on or after 23 July 2012 for up to 6 weeks or until the works have been completed.

The closure affects the full length of cycle path, with limited access up to the point of closure.

The alternative route is via Beaconsfield Road Path and Beaconsfield Road.

CHESTFIELD ROAD, WHITSTABLE (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of water mains replacement works, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Chestfield Road, Whitstable, on or after 6 August 2012 for up to 3 weeks or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed at the A2990 Chestfield Roundabout, for a distance of approximately 20 metres southwards.

There will be no access for through traffic between Canterbury and Whitstable, using this route.

The alternative route is via, A290 Clapham Hill, Pean Hill, Honey Hill, Blean Common, Blean Hill, Tile Kiln Hill, Whitstable Road, St Thomas Hill, Whitstable Road, Forty Acres Road, Beaconsfield Road and St Stephen's Hill.

Local access to Chestfield via A2990 (Old) Thanet Way, Millstrood Road and South Street.

ELHAM VALLEY ROAD, BARHAM (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of carriageway patching works, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Elham Valley Road, Barham, on or after 26 July 2012 for up to 2 days or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed south of the junction with Derrington Hill for a distance of approximately 1800 metres southwards.

The alternative route is via Canterbury Road, High Street, Elham, New Road, Canterbury Road, Broad Street, Station Road, Canterbury Road, Beachborough, A20 Ashford Road, B2064 Cheriton High Street, Cheriton Road, A2034 Cherry Garden Avenue, A259 Churchill Avenue, A260 Canterbury Road, Spitfire Way, Canterbury Road, The Street, Canterbury Road, Old Dover Road, A2 Dover Road, Bourne Park Slip Road, Coldharbour Lane, Bonny Bush Hill, Black Robin Lane, Valley Road, Derrington Hill and Elham Valley Road.

Please note that these dates differ from those initially publicised.

ST MILDRED'S PLACE, CANTERBURY (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of carriageway micro-surfacing works, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on St Mildred's Place, Canterbury, on or after 27 July 2012 for up to 1 day, between 9.30 am and 3.30 pm.

The road will be closed for its entire length.

There will be no access for through traffic between the junctions with Victoria road and Martyrs' Field Road.

The alternative routes are Eastbound via Victoria Road, A28 Wincheap, Gordon Road and Martyrs' Field Road

Westbound via Martyrs' Field Road, York Road, A28 Wincheap and Victoria Road

HIGHWAYS - In the area of Dartford and Gravesham

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (A2260 HALL ROAD, NORTHFLEET AND SOUTHFLEET) (CONVERSION OF FOOTWAY TO SEGREGATED CYCLE TRACK) HIGHWAYS ACT 1980

(A2260 HALL ROAD AND HALL ROAD, NORTHFLEET) (TOUCAN CROSSINGS)

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984

NOTICE is hereby given that the Kent County Council, in exercise of its powers under sections 65 and 66 (1) of the Highways Act 1980 and all other enabling powers, intends to remove the existing cycle lane from the north western carriageway of the A2260 Hall Road, Northfleet and Southfleet; and install a new cycle track with segregated pedestrian / cycle facilities on the north western footway instead from a point 72 metres north east of the mid point of its roundabout junction with Station Road to a point 30 metres south west of the common boundary between numbers 47 and 49, which is a distance of 152 metres; and

under Section 23 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and all other enabling powers, intends to install Toucan Crossings on Hall Road, Northfleet and A2260 Hall Road Northfleet and Southfleet, Kent. The Toucan Crossing on the A2260 Hall Road is located on the north western carriageway, approximately 120 metres north east of the mid point of its roundabout junction with Station Road and the Toucan Crossing on Hall Road is located approximately 60 metres south east of the mid point of its roundabout junction with B262 Springhead Road, Northfleet.

The purpose of the scheme is to provide a safe place for pedestrians and cyclists to cross as there are concerns over safety within the area. The existing pedestrian

island is used by an increased number of cyclists, school children and shoppers using nearby facilities and a high population from the surrounding residential housing estates.

Toucan Crossings are designed for both pedestrians and cyclists and are typically used adjacent to a shared use footway (Cyclists are not allowed to cross the road using Zebra, Pelican or Puffin crossings). There is a green cycle symbol alongside the green man and the crossing time is established each time by on-crossing detectors. The pedestrians and cyclists in the area would therefore benefit from the introduction of a Toucan Crossing to assist with the high pedestrian / cycle movements throughout the area.

All previous Orders made by The Kent County Council with reference to the existing cycle lane which runs on the north western carriageway A2260 Hall Road, Northfleet from a point 110 metres north east of the mid point of its roundabout junction with Station Road to a point 30 metres south west of the common boundary between numbers 47 and 49 are hereby revoked.

Jacobs Engineering UK LTD. has been commissioned by the Council to publish the Notice of intent at the same time as providing notification to all interested parties and complies with the requirements of Section 23(2) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act, 1984.

Copies of the plan showing this proposal an explanatory statement and a map showing the extents of the scheme may be inspected during normal office hours at The Kent County Council Offices, Sessions House, County Road, Maidstone, Kent, ME14 1XX, at Gravesham Borough Council Offices, Civic Centre, 132 Windmill Street, Gravesend, Kent, DA12 1AU and at Dartford Borough Council offices, Civic Centre, Home Gardens, Dartford, Kent, DA1 1DR. The documents are also available to see on the Kent County Council website.

Anyone wishing to support, or object to the proposal to remove the existing cycle lane and introduce a new cycle track on the A2260 Hall Road, Northfleet and Southfleet should write to Diane Bourne, Jacobs Engineering UK Ltd, Miller House, Lower Stone Street, Maidstone, Kent, ME15 6GB quoting the name of the Order and reference No "B1804700" and stating their reasons, by not later than Monday 13th August 2012.

HIGHWAYS - In the area Dover

CHURCH STREET, SANDWICH (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of gas mains replacement works, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Church Street, Sandwich, on or after 23 July 2012 for up to 8 weeks, or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed in phases working from the junction with Delf Street towards the junction with Strand Street.

The alternative routes for through traffic are Northbound via Delf Street, Harnet Street and Strand Street.

Southbound via Strand Street, High Street, The Chain, Galliard Street, New Street and Delf Street.

WEST STREET, DEAL (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of gas mains replacement works, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on West Street, Deal, on or after 6 August 2012 for up to 6 months, or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed in phases between the junctions with Stanhope Road and Western Road.

The alternative route is via A258 Queen Street, Albert Road and Western Road.

The lengths of the various phases are subject to weather and ground conditions. The exact dates will be notified to local residents and signposted on site.

VARIOUS ROADS, DEAL (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER JULY 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of carriageway patching works, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on various roads in Deal, on or after 23 July 2012, as shown below.

BEAONSFIELD ROAD will be closed from 23 July for up

to 3 days, between 7.30 am and 3.30 pm.

The closure will be between the junctions with Victoria Road and Blenheim Road.

The alternative route is via Victoria Road, Sondes Road, Prince of Wales Terrace, Broad Street, Queen Street and Blenheim Road.

There will be a suspension of the One-way Traffic Order on Beaconsfield Road to allow access from Blenheim Road, when safe to do so.

BLENHEIM ROAD will be closed from 30 July for 2 days The closure will be between the junctions with Wellington Road and Hope Road.

The alternative route is via Queen Street, Broad Street, Prince of Wales Terrace, Deal Castle Road and Gilford Road.

There will be a suspension of the One-way Traffic Order on Blenheim Road between the junctions with Wellington Road and Hope Road to allow access up to where the road is closed.

There will be a suspension of the One-way Traffic Order on Beaconsfield Road to allow traffic to exit onto Victoria Road.

GLADSTONE ROAD will be closed 1 August for 3 days The closure will be between the junctions with The Strand and Blenheim Road.

The alternative route is via A258 The Strand, Gilford Road and Blenheim Road.

HIGHWAYS - In the area Gravesham

CRUTCHES LANE, HIGHAM (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of Installation of a new drainage connection , Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Crutches Lane, Higham , on or after 23 July 2012 for up to 9 weeks or until the works have been completed.

There will be no access for through traffic from 500 meters from the junction with A226 Gravesend Road.

The alternative route is via Gravesend Road, Rede Court Road and Watling Street

HIGHWAYS - In the area of Maidstone

BEECHEN BANK ROAD AND BOXLEY ROAD, BOXLEY (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because it is necessary to change the speed limit to 40mph, signing, carriageway surfacing and lining, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Beechen Bank Road and Boxley Road, Boxley, on or after 6 August 2012 for up to 1 day or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed from Woodlands to Walderslade Woods.

The alternative route is via Walderslade Woods, Fostington Way, Robin Hood Lane (lower).

FAIRBOURNE LANE, HARRIETSHAM (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because it is necessary to lay a new high voltage cable, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Fairbourne Lane, Harrietsham, on or after 6 August 2012 for up to 5 days or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed between Fairbourne Mill and Bramble Cottage.

The alternative route is via A20 Ashford Road, East Street, Sandway Road, Headcorn Road, Lenham Road.

WARREN STREET, LENHAM (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of drainage improvement works, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Warren Street, Lenham, on or after 6 August 2012 for up to 2 weeks or until the works have been completed.

There will be no access for through traffic between the junctions of Payden Street and Waterditch Lane.

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on 08458 247 800 (local rate)
or visit www.kent.gov.uk/highways



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The alternative route is via Waterditch Lane, Coldharbour Lane, Bunce Court Road.

MILL LANE, WEST STREET, HUNTON HILL, UPPER HUNTON HILL, HUNTON (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of carriageway patching, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Mill Lane, West Street, Hunton Hill, Upper Hunton Hill, Hunton, on or after 6 August 2012 for up to 1 week or until the works have been completed.

The roads will be closed between Benover Road and B2163 Heath Road.

The alternative route is via B2163 Heath Road, Ewell Lane, B2010 Smith's Hill/Yalding Hill/High Street, B2162 Benover Road.

HIGHWAYS - In the area Sevenoaks

FOUR ELMS ROAD, EDENBRIDGE (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of allowing a safe working environment whilst routine railway bridge maintenance works are undertaken on behalf of network rail, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Four Elms Road, Edenbridge, on or after 23 July 2012 for up to 4 weeks or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed at the junction of Wayside Drive to the junction of Swan Lane and there will be no access for through traffic between these junctions.

The alternative route is via: Swan Lane, B2026 Station Road.

HALL HILL, SEAL, SEVENOAKS (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of carriageway patching, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Hall Hill, Seal, Sevenoaks, on or after 6 August 2012 for up to 1 day or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed from Red Lane to Park Lane.

There will be no access for through traffic between the junctions from Red Lane to Park Lane.

The alternative route is via approaching from the west, diversion is west along Grove Road, then south along Park Lane, east along Bitchett Green Road and finally west along Stone Street Road and Hall Hill. The traffic approaching from the east is the same but reversed

HARTFIELD ROAD (TEMPORARY 30MPH SPEED LIMIT) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Due to reducing the speed limit to 30mph to facilitate watermain replacement works, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting traffic travelling a greater speed than 30mph on Hartfield Road from the junction of Spode Lane to outside Kent Water Cottages on or after 6 August 2012 for up to 4 months or until the works have been completed.

HOPGARDEN LANE, SEVENOAKS (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Due to the installation of a High Voltage cable, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Hopgarden Lane, Sevenoaks, on or after 23 July 2012 for up to 5 days or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed along Hopgarden Lane.

There will be no access for through traffic on Hopgarden Lane between the junctions of Grassy Lane and Ashgrove Road.

The alternative route is via Ashgrove Road, Oak Lane, Grassy Lane and vice versa.

HIGHWAYS - In the area of Sevenoaks and Tonbridge & Malling

(VARIOUS ROADS, SEVENOAKS AND TONBRIDGE & MALLING)

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

NOTICE is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out on or near a road the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting the use by through traffic on the routes described in the Schedule.

The alternative routes as described will be noted in the schedule. Access will be maintained up to the points of closure. The Order will become effective on 6th August 2012 and will be in operation and remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months.

Schedule

Road Name: Shipbourne Road, Sevenoaks
Extent: Underriver House Road to Ridings Lane
Dates: Start: 6th August 2012
End: 9th August 2012
Diversion: Underriver House Road, Mill Lane, Vines Lane, Ridings Lane vice versa

Road Name: Ridings Lane, Hildenborough
Extent: Hildenborough Road to Wilderness Plantation
Dates: Start: 22nd August 2012
End: 27th August 2012
Diversion: Hildenborough Road, Underriver House Road, Mill Lane, Vines Lane, Ridings Lane vice versa

Road Name: Carters Hill, Sevenoaks
Extent: Underriver House Road to Mill Lane
Dates: Start: 3rd September 2012
End: 28th September 2012
Diversion: Carters Hill, Underriver House Road, Mill Lane, Carters Hill vice versa

Road Name: Underriver House Road, Sevenoaks
Extent: Hildenborough Road to Rooks Hill
Dates: Start: 1st October 2012
End: 12th October 2012
Diversion: Underriver House Road, Mill Lane, Carters Hill, Underriver House Road vice versa

The purpose of the Order is to facilitate the installation of a new water main and the works are to be undertaken by South East Water. For further information or comment please call Gerald Dale on 01322 394414.

HIGHWAYS - In the area Swale

BOXTED LANE, NEWINGTON (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of drainage improvement works to alleviate flooding, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Boxted Lane, Newington, on or after 23 July 2012 for up to 2 weeks or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed in the vicinity of Ashfield Court Farm, to the north of the junction with School Lane / Brickfields.

The alternative route is via Breach Lane, A2 London Road, Church Lane, School Lane and Boxted Lane.

CROWN ROAD, SITTINGBOURNE (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of gas mains replacement works, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Crown Road, Sittingbourne, on or after 23 July 2012 for up to 6 weeks or until the works have been completed.

CROWN ROAD will be closed in the vicinity of the junction with Beechwood Avenue.

The alternative routes are

Westbound via High Street and B2005 St Paul's Street
Eastbound via B2005 St Paul's Street, Mill Way, Saffron Way, North Street and High Street.

BEECHWOOD AVENUE will be closed at the junction with Crown Road.

The alternative route for this aspect is via Dean Road, Windmill Road and B2006 Staplehurst Road.

WATER LANE, FAVERSHAM (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of gas mains replacement works, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Water Lane, Faversham, on or after 23 July 2012 for up to 4 weeks or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed in the vicinity of the junction with Ospringe Street.

The alternative route is via A2 Ospringe Street, Faversham Road, Coxett Hill, Abbot's Hill and Water Lane.

HIGHWAYS - In the area of Thanet

ADDISCOMBE ROAD AREA, MARGATE (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of gas mains replacement works, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Addiscombe Road, Margate, on or after 23 July 2012 for up to 6 weeks, as detailed below.

ADDISCOMBE ROAD will be closed in phases working from the junction with St Peter's Road / College Road as far as the junction with Wharfdale Road.

The alternative route for through traffic is via B2052 College Road, Upper Dane Road and Addiscombe Road.

Access will be maintained to Addiscombe Gardens, with the direction of approach signposted on site.

DURBAN ROAD will be closed at the junction with Addiscombe Road throughout these works, with access available from College Road.

ST PETER'S FOOTPATH will be closed at its eastern junction with Addiscombe Road when the works reach this point, with access via Durban Road.

B2052 COLLEGE ROAD - there will be No Waiting at any time on the south side of College Road from the existing No Waiting Restrictions eastwards to the junction with St Peter's Footpath.

BALLIOL ROAD, BROADSTAIRS (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of works to provide an electricity supply to a new development, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Balliol Road, Broadstairs, on or after 6 August 2012 for up to 4 days, or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed to the west of the junction with Old Green Road.

The alternative route is via Beacon Road and Reading Street.

MINSTER LEVEL CROSSING, MINSTER, THANET (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of level crossing maintenance works, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Minster Level Crossing, Minster, Thanet, on or after 25 July 2012 for up to 2 nights, as shown below.

Marsh Farm Road will be closed at Minster Level Crossing.

The closures are planned for

Wednesday 25 July at 11.30 pm through until 5.00 am

Thursday 26 July at 11.30 pm through until 5.00 am

There is no alternative route as this is a No Through Road. Every effort will be made to allow any essential access.

A255 NETHERCOURT HILL, RAMSGATE (PROHIBITION OF WAITING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

To prevent traffic congestion during gas mains replacement works, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting waiting on A255 Nethercourt Hill, Ramsgate, as shown below

Waiting will be prohibited at all times on any sections of Nethercourt Hill that are currently unrestricted.

These restrictions will only be imposed if needed, and will then be indicated by no waiting cones or by double yellow lines on the sections of road affected.

This Order takes effect on or after 6 August 2012 for up to 6 weeks, or until the works have been completed.

SOUND ISLAND MUSIC FESTIVAL, QUEX PARK (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

In the interests of road safety for the Sound Island Music Festival at Quex Park, Kent County Council has made an Order restricting traffic on Manston Road and Margate Hill, Birchington, on or after 28 July 2012 for up to 2 nights, as shown below.

The B2050 Manston Road will be closed to through traffic between the junctions with Shottendane Road and Park Lane / Acol Hill, with managed access only, for traffic attending the music festival.

Margate Hill will be closed to through traffic, with event-bound traffic initially directed north eastwards to reach the event, then subsequently directed south westwards to leave.

The alternative route for through traffic is via B2050 Manston Road, B2190 Spitfire Way, Minster Road, The Street and Acol Hill.

The Order allows for restrictions on both Saturday 28 and Sunday 29 July, but it is envisaged that the restrictions will only be applied on Sunday 29 July, and will be in force when the relevant signage is displayed on site.

RUMFIELDS ROAD, BROADSTAIRS (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of gas mains replacement works, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting eastbound traffic on Rumfields Road, Broadstairs, on or after 23 July 2012 for up to 6 weeks or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed eastbound only (towards Bromstone), between the junctions with A256 Westwood Road and The Maples.

The alternative route for eastbound traffic is via A256 Westwood Road, A255 Broadstairs Road, Fairfield Road and Rumfields Road.

Westbound traffic is unaffected.

TOTHILL STREET, MINSTER (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of gas mains replacement works, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Tothill Street, Minster, on or after 23 July 2012 for up to 6 weeks or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed between the junctions with Rose Gardens and High Street / Monkton Road.

The alternative routes are via Foxborough Lane, Bedlam Court Lane, Church Street and High Street

or via Monkton Road, Monkton Street, Willetts Hill and A299 Canterbury Road West.

HIGHWAYS - In the area of Tonbridge & Malling

THE GROVES, SNODLAND (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of gas mains replacement, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on The Groves, Snodland, on or after 23 July 2012 for up to 6 weeks or until the works have been completed.

There will be no access for through traffic between the junctions of Dryland Road and Pout Road.

The alternative route is via Dryland Road, Freelands Road, St Benedict Road.

HILDEN PARK ROAD, HILDENBOROUGH (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of gas mains replacement, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Hilden Park Road, Hildenborough, on or after 23 July 2012 for up to 5 weeks or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed at the junction with B245 Tonbridge Road.

The alternative route is via B245 Tonbridge Road, Stacey Road.

ROCHESTER ROAD, WOULDHAM (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of BT cabling works, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Rochester Road, Wouldham, on or after 23 July 2012 for up to 2 weeks or until the works have been completed.

There will be no access for through traffic between the junctions of Scarborough Lane and Knowle Road.

The alternative route is via Knowle Road, High Street, Wouldham Road, Borstal Street, Priestfields, B2079 Maidstone Road, A229 Blue Bell Hill, Pilgrims Way.

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HIGHWAYS

HIGHWAYS - In the area of Tunbridge Wells**CORNFOR LANE & HALLS HOLE ROAD, TUNBRIDGE WELLS (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012****THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of works to construct a new traffic signalised junction, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Cornford Lane & Hall's Hole Road, Tunbridge Wells, on or after 23 July 2012 for up to 6 weeks or until the works have been completed.

There will be no access for through traffic on Cornford Lane from the junction of Hall's Hole Road for 100m in an easterly direction, and on Hall's Hole Road from the junction of A264 Pembury Road to Cornford Lane.

The alternative route is via Hall's Hole Road, Bayhall Road, A264 Pembury Road.

FURNACE LANE, HORSMONDEN (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because it is necessary for ditch clearance and to install a new culvert, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Furnace Lane, Horsmonden, on or after 23 July 2012 for up to 8 days or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed approximately 150m north west of Gibbet Lane.

There will be no access for through traffic between the junctions of B2162 Maidstone Road and Furnace Lane.

The alternative route is via Furnace Lane, Yew Tree Green Road, B2162 Maidstone Road, The Heath.

MARDEN ROAD, CRANBROOK (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because it is necessary to install a new water main, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Marden Road, Cranbrook, on or after 23 July 2012 for up to 6 weeks or until the works have been completed.

There will be no access for through traffic between the junctions of A262 Goudhurst Road to outside a property "Harewood".

The alternative route is via A262 Goudhurst Road, Colliers Green Road.

John Burr
Director Kent Highways
Invicta House
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Kent ME14 1XQ

Dated 22nd July 2012

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MARRIAGE LICENCES

**KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
THE MARRIAGE ACT 1949 AND
CIVIL PARTNERSHIP ACT 2004****APPROVED PREMISES FOR
CIVIL MARRIAGES & CIVIL PARTNERSHIPS**

An application has been made to Kent County Council to grant a renewal of an approval for the following premises to act as a venue for the solemnisation of civil marriages and civil partnerships:-

Name of Premises: **Westerham Golf Club, Valence Park, Brasted Road, Westerham**

Applicant: **Ben Hammond**

The application and plan of the premises may be inspected at the address below during normal office hours. Any person may give notice in writing of an objection to the renewal of the grant of approval, together with the reasons, within 21 days from the date of this newspaper. Objections should be sent to the address below.

Cath Anley
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**KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
THE MARRIAGE ACT 1949 AND
CIVIL PARTNERSHIP ACT 2004****APPROVED PREMISES FOR
CIVIL MARRIAGES & CIVIL PARTNERSHIPS**

An application has been made to Kent County Council to grant a renewal of an approval for the following premises to act as a venue for the solemnisation of civil marriages and civil partnerships:-

Name of Premises: **The Manor Gatehouse, Priory Road, Dartford**

Applicant: **Sharon Birch**

The application and plan of the premises may be inspected at the address below during normal office hours. Any person may give notice in writing of an objection to the renewal of the grant of approval, together with the reasons, within 21 days from the date of this newspaper. Objections should be sent to the address below.

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PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY

**PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY
& VILLAGE GREENS****PROW - BOROUGH OF DARTFORD****NOTICE OF THE MAKING OF AN ORDER TO
TEMPORARILY CLOSE PUBLIC FOOTPATH DR1****IN THE PARISH OF STONE****(PUBLIC FOOTPATH DR1)
(PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984, SECTION
14(1), AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Kent County Council has temporarily closed Public Footpath DR1, from its junction with Claire Causeway / Crossways Boulevard to Thames Street, from the 16th July 2012.

The path will be closed for a maximum of six months.

The path is to be closed because construction works are planned near it and there is a likelihood of danger to users.

The alternative route is to continue east along Crossways Boulevard, and then north for approximately 80 metres along Thames Street to re-join DR1 at this point, and will be signed for the duration of the closure.

For detailed enquiries please contact Mrs Olivia Bonham

Countryside Access Service
Kent County Council
Invicta House
County Hall
Maidstone
Kent ME14 1XX

Dated: 22nd July 2012

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PREMISES/ GOODS LICENCES

LICENSING ACT 2003**Application for Premises Licence**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that I Mr Tomasz Swiezawski have applied to Medway Council for a premises licence in respect of the premises known as Kubus Convenience, 88 High Street, Chatham, ME4 4DS for:

Supply of alcohol for consumption off the premises

From 08:00 to 23:00 Daily

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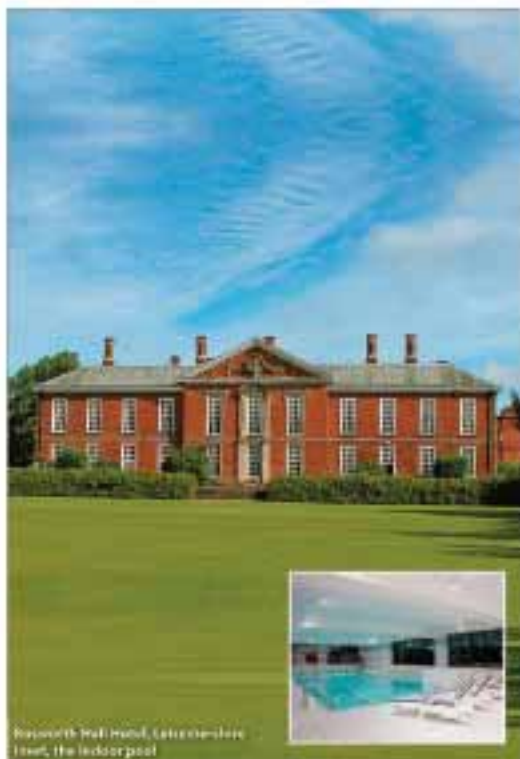
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Stephen Holt

Back on the Inspiral Carpet

Band's frontman talks to **Joe Bill** about the growing revival of 80s Britpop

WITH the shock return of Madchester front runners The Stone Roses and the resurrection of bands like Blur and Happy Mondays, it is hard to escape the feeling that we are in some way returning to the glorious indie days of Britpop.

Stars of the late 80s and early 90s are popping up across the summer-festival line-ups, and no more so than at the Sound Island Festival at Quex Park, near Birchington, where no fewer than six bands have signed up for a Britpop reunion show.

Leading the pack of duffle-coat-clad rockers are Manchester's Inspiral Carpets, fronted by Stephen Holt.

"It will be great – let's just hope the weather holds off. It is a bit of a Manchester versus Liverpool thing. There is James and us, Echo and the Bunnymen, Space, The Farm and Cast, so a Merseyside versus Manchester music off.

"There is a lot of debate at the moment, with us coming back and The Stone Roses and Happy Mondays.

"Some people say – although I don't agree with it – that modern music and the stuff that is around at the moment can't be any good because everybody keeps going back to the late 80s and 90s. Everyone harks back to a 20-year period and people say 'Oh yeah, it was magical in those days and the music was brilliant'.

"There is obviously a love and a need for that Britpop-era music again, but I don't think it weakens the argument of either era. There are some great new bands I love and that are doing really well and there is an appetite for that, but I think there is also an appetite for people going back and listening to older stuff.

"We did it in the 80s, too, relistening to 60s music and remembering, but it doesn't mean that one is better than the other."

The frontman, who formed the band in 1983, was one of the main figures on the Madchester scene, with the Carpets gaining a large fan base that included the likes of DJ John Peel.

Holt left the band in 1990 and went on to form The Rainkings before eventually returning to complete the original Inspiral Carpets line-up in 2011. And the group are back producing



music, touring the world and selling out gigs, much like their Britpop counterparts.

"I still listen to loads of new stuff and am going out to see new bands and downloading new stuff as well. But what I have noticed now is there doesn't seem to be any divide between 'I like indie, or rock, or dance' – it seems everyone listens to everything.

"And I think this goes for the bands that are around now, too, as they have a wide range of influences and aren't defined. There's probably a bit of a gap now with those people into one kind of genre, like indie, and the likes of The Stone Roses or Happy Mondays or us are filling it."

And since returning to form last year, Inspiral Carpets have bagged gigs in Europe, South America and a number of UK festivals, with their legions of fans still turning out to hear the indie-rockers play their big hits like This Is How It Feels and Dragging Me Down.

"Our fans have just got fatter and balder," said Holt. "There are still young people in our audiences. And I'm sure there are still young fans who want a taste of the Britpop era, but generally the people who watch us were probably around in the early days.

"We're all still based in Manchester and it's buzzing up here at the moment. We are getting some really good bands coming through. I was listening to [BBC] 6 Music and there was a young rapper saying that there's a huge rap scene in Manchester at the moment.

"But there's still a lot of indie and I think they are trying to get together and re-create that sort of old Madchester thing."

Madchester, or even Manchester, has become a big player in British music, with The Charlatans and Oasis maintaining the trend and representing the city's rocking roots all the way through the 90s and into the Noughties.

"It's weird looking back at that era because back then it was just the norm, everyone being around and in bands," said Holt. "There used to be a club called The Boardwalk, which was an indie venue where I and the other Carpets used to hang around. They had rehearsal rooms, too, and Happy Mondays would use them.

"I wasn't much of a Hacienda person myself, but loads of bands and people rose up in there. We were just having a laugh, getting up and doing gigs and then going to see other people perform. Looking back now, I see it was something special, but you don't realise it at the time."

The Carpets have already run a mini tour in the UK and, like Blur and The Stone Roses, have produced new material.

Holt said: "I left the band in the early 90s and had a break for 20-odd years. I keep telling everyone that I popped out of rehearsals for a pint of milk and never returned.

"But we've been writing new stuff and released the single You're So Good For Me in November on iTunes and came out on vinyl in March and that has done OK. Hopefully, we'll

release some other bits early next year."

And with Happy Mondays returning, the Carpets also thought it would be a good idea to tour with them.

"They have calmed down loads. Bez is still a little wild, but he's doing more DJ-ing now. The rest of the lads are very calm and got their heads back in gear and on the music."

One reason the Carpets' name has stood the test of time is their links with Oasis guitarist Noel Gallagher, who was their roadie for a time in the early 90s.

"Everyone speaks really fondly of Noel and he has spoken fondly of his time with us."

And as the date in Thanet fast approaches, Holt is keen to show fans they have still got it.

"I think fans coming to us for the first time will be treated to a really good show. Back when we started we were a bit of a garage band and a bit punky and used to get on stage and thrash out some tunes. But everyone admits we lost that over the years and went into a bit of a ballad-type band like Coldplay or Snow Patrol.

"But since coming back we've returned to our roots and we're lively and get the audience involved and smash out some hits."

• The Inspiral Carpets gig will be at the Sound Island Festival, Quex Park, which runs on Saturday and Sunday, July 28-29. For details, or to book tickets, visit www.gigantic.com or phone 0844 888 9991. Tickets can also be booked by visiting Margate Winter Gardens.

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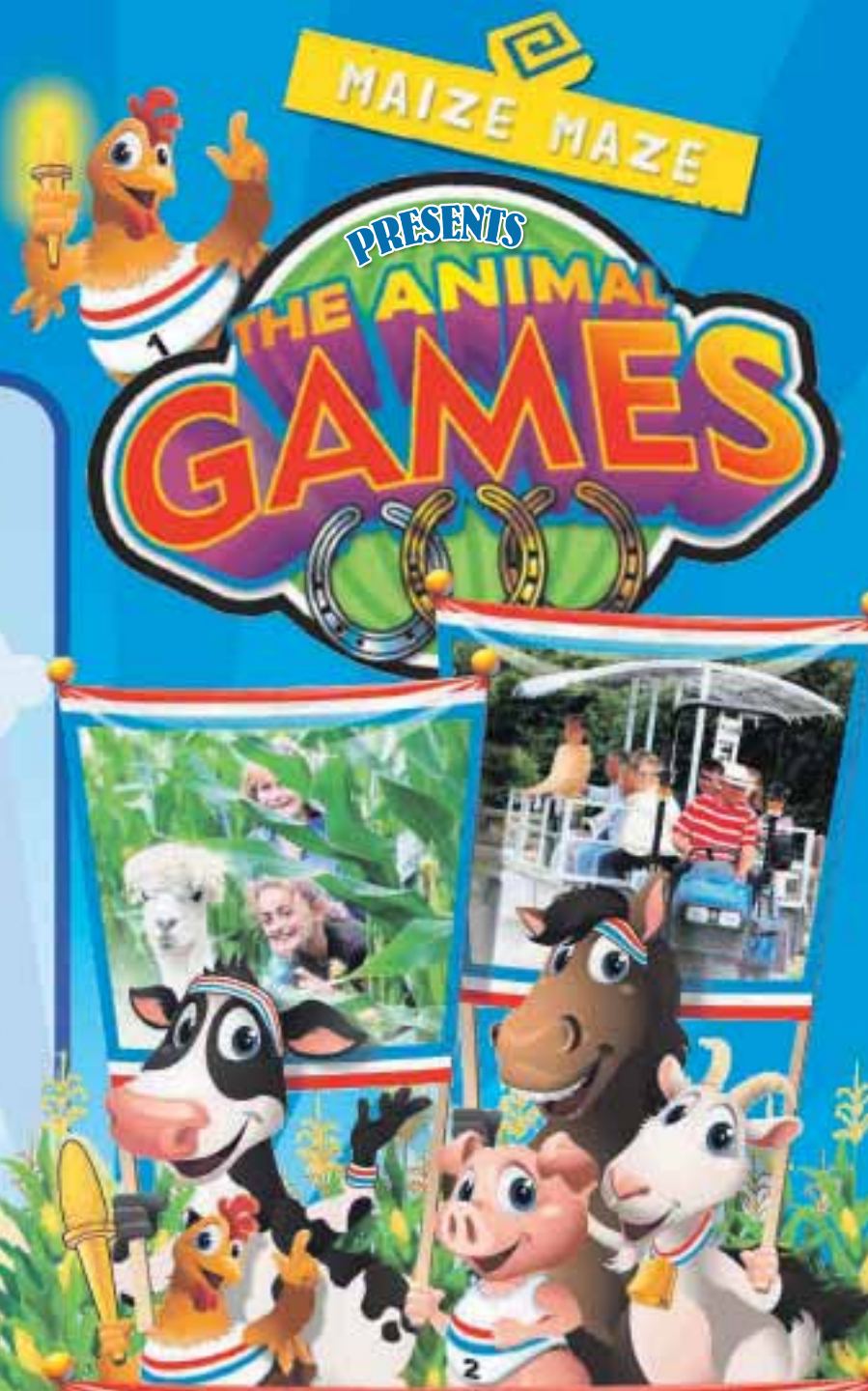
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Contest rewards a growing interest in art

WHILE all eyes fell on the capital for this month's London Olympic Games, six groups of Kent primary-schoolchildren were limbering up for a very different kind of competition.

The youngsters were taking part in the live final for Create A Fruit & Veg Masterpiece 2012 at Broadview Gardens, Hadlow.

The six finalists beat their way past 250 entrants from across the county as the Produced in Kent-inspired art competition got into full flow, with TV's top food art photographer Carl Warner looking on.

Competing for gold, silver and bronze medals, the pupils re-created their entries in front of the judges, using only fruit and vegetables grown locally and in season in the Garden of England.

Julie Monkman, manager of Produced in Kent, said: "There have been many initiatives to



try to engage young children with their environment and eating healthy, from mothers' 'eat your greens' to '5-A-Day'. This competition has shown you can make eating healthily, locally and seasonally entertaining and engaging."



In the individual category a gold medal went to Adam Hood, seven, from Hever primary; Joshua Beesley, who is home-schooled, won silver; and five-year-old Will Beverley, also from Hever primary, won bronze.

In the group category the gold medal went to Class 6W, St Katherine's, Snodland; silver to the All Saints C of E primary school's allotment club, Chatham; and bronze to Class 2T, Ashford Friars.

As well as their medals and



a delicious afternoon tea provided by abm Catering at Broadview Tearooms, the children walked away with an armful of fantastic prizes. These included framed food-art pictures and books from Carl Warner, a signed book



WELL DONE: Clockwise from left: Carl Warner with individual winner Adam Hood; group winners St Katherine's; silver winners from All Saints; bronze stars Will Beverley and Ashford Friars; the group winning entry

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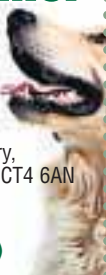
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The future's buzzing at boutique Elvey

DEEP in the heart of the countryside is Elvey Farm, a boutique hotel overlooking the picturesque rolling fields of mid-Kent. In just five years, owners Jeff Moody and Simon Peek have turned this corner of Darling Buds Of May country from a tired old farm into a thriving business and a haven of tranquillity.

Complete with six acres, 11 refurbished guest rooms, award-winning restaurant and a weddings service that has been booked for the entire summer, Elvey Farm really is a destination that is attracting attention from around the country and indeed abroad.

Former news reporter Jeff Moody and his partner Simon Peek made the decision to move to the countryside and build the business after a threat of redundancy.

"The whole thing, from the first idea to putting in an offer on the farm, happened in the space of a week," said Jeff.

"I said to Simon 'What happens if I lose my job?' and he suggested we should set up a little B&B in the country and have a quiet life, and that sounded great. I didn't lose my job in the end, but the idea didn't go away. About three or four days later, I was fed up of driving to work in my car and on the way to the studio I rang Simon and asked if he was serious about the B&B idea.

"He looked on the internet and phoned me back within five minutes and said he had found an old farm that was for sale in Pluckley and we should go and see it. In fact we went to see it the next morning and by the end of the week we put the offer in. So it was completely life-changing in a very short space of time."

The beautiful Tudor barn was already under renovation and the old stable block was being used as self-catering chalets for walkers visiting the area. But there was nothing on the scale of how Elvey Farm is now.

Jeff and Simon set themselves the challenge of getting their new venture ready for business just a short time after acquiring it.

"We gave ourselves two months and a small budget. We have made mistakes we have



learned from now. We had paying guests arriving and we managed to open on time, which was a miracle. But five years on, we're still waiting for this relaxing life in the country we promised ourselves!"

Elvey's success has led to it being recommended by internet travel site TripAdvisor as well as it bagging the four-star guest accommodation and silver award from EnjoyEngland.co.uk.

Jeff said: "To me, what has made it a success is the people who work here. There is a really lovely family atmosphere to the team. People enjoy working here, people have stayed years with us, and that's nice because it is something money can't buy.

"When you come for dinner you really get the impression that the staff enjoy working here and it isn't just another job for them. We had worked for people all our lives and we wanted to create a nice, fun place to work. I am very proud we have achieved that."

But the duo have not rested on their laurels and continue to strive to improve the business by upgrading the restaurant and the quality of their food.

"We have been running the restaurant for about four years and everything had been ticking along quite nicely. But this is our fifth year and we had a long chat about how it had been going and what we wanted to achieve,



and there was a lot we felt could be improved in the restaurant.

"We have upgraded the whole thing. Firstly, the look of the room – we've completed a major decoration project and have also employed a new team in the kitchen.

"There's a new head chef and sous chef and he has taken the menu by the scruff of the neck and really improved it enormously. We have also hired a new restaurant manager, too, so we have refreshed the whole thing."

The new additions to the team have meant that Elvey Farm also opens its 38-seater restaurant for lunches and there are afternoon teas on the lawn overlooking woods and fields.

"The other thing that pulled our socks up was that we were nominated for an award through Taste of Kent for restaurant of the year. We made it down to the last three, which we were excited about.

"But we lost out to another restaurant in the final ceremony and were very disappointed, but the next day we arranged a meeting with the judge to talk about why we hadn't won and what we could do to improve and he gave us a long list of things we could do to help."

New head chef Phillip Pearmain has joined Elvey Farm with a high pedigree, having worked under celebrity chef Richard Phillips at his Chapel Down restaurant as well as spending a period in France.

BLOOMING BUSINESS:

Jeff Moody and Simon Peek continue to strive for the best at Elvey Farm

Phillip said: "I have been a chef for about 20 years and I was at Leeds Castle previously. I went from sous chef to head chef to executive chef there very quickly and was running the kitchen. But here at Elvey Farm I'm getting back to my passion and what I love doing – cooking and foraging."

The new team is keen to use local resources to keep Kentish flavour in the cooking.

"We have redesigned the menus, bringing in the lunches and the a la carte in the evening using lots of the local produce," said Phillip.

"Kent is a good place for this, but it doesn't do everything, so we will also be looking for the best of British and taking the finest bits from everywhere.

"We have stepped up the food a notch. We aren't trying to be fine dining, just good honest, truth in menu food."

Hosting weddings every Saturday throughout the summer as well as jazz evenings and afternoon teas, the boutique hotel will continue to be busy. And with the new restaurant team settling in nicely, it won't just be the bees in the flowers creating the buzz around Elvey Farm.

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Some have menus specially prepared for younger members of the party, while all offer the warm welcome that means so much to family groups.

Now is the best time of year for Kent-only dishes like Romney Marsh lamb, while Whitstable's fish selection is not too bad, either!

The county's restaurants pride themselves on offering the very best of local produce, so what could be better than sitting with your nearest and dearest sampling the food and drink produced in the countryside around you?

The summer is particularly fine for alfresco dining – something children love. Here is a selection of establishments that go out of their way to provide for family groups.



Oriental Buffet Tonbridge

Why here...

Under new management since January, the buffet offers a chance to feast on all your favourite cuisines. 'Quality without compromise' is the ethos and diners will notice many positive changes.

On the menu...

With more than 50 items from which to choose and five styles of cuisine, there really is something for everyone. From Indian to Chinese, or Thai to Nepalese, it is all here, from mild to very spicy.

How to book...

96 High Street, Tonbridge TN9 1AP phone: 01732 361666 Book now!



The Red Lion Hernhill

Why here...

Located in the picturesque village of Hernhill, where it is set on the green, The Red Lion offers a warm, cosy atmosphere and quality home-cooked food. There is an adventure playground and garden for the children as well as new outdoor seating for alfresco eating during the warm summer months. Choose a drink from a varied selection of freehouse wines, beers and quality real ales.

You can dine from midday to 8pm in the restaurant.

On the menu...

Why not bring the family for the popular Sunday lunch, when you can have one course for £10.50, two courses for £13.50 or three courses for £15.50? Choose from a selection of meats including pork, lamb and beef, served with all the trimmings.

How to book...

The Red Lion, Crockham Lane, Hernhill ME13 9JR phone: 01227 751207 web: www.theredlion.org

Gurkha Palace Folkestone

Why here...

Try an authentic taste of Nepal and its regional cuisines. The food of this beautiful country is as diverse as the landscape, so it comes as no surprise to learn that Gurkha Palace's menu is vast.

On the menu...

Excellent food has seen it nominated as the best Nepalese restaurant in the country by The Good Food Guide. Highly commended by Channel Chamber in best customer-service awards.

How to book...

97 Enbrook Valley (Golden Valley Shopping Centre), Folkestone CT20 3NE phone: 01303 257700



Lemongrass Ashford

Why here...

Lemongrass Thai Fusion café and restaurant brings a little bit of tropical Thailand to Ashford.

Welcome to a new fusion of authentic Thai food and café culture in Bank Street, the site of the former Zarin restaurant.

During the day you can choose from a selection of delicious cakes on the patisserie counter, with fresh coffee, tea and tropical fruit

freezes... or even try some juice from a coconut.

On the menu...

Try a glass of wine with a freshly-cooked stir-fry or a plate of noodles with herbs and spices flown in from Thailand. A set price lunch menu is £5.95 for one course and £7.95 for two courses, while, as a launch special, there is a daily deal. Open 11am-11pm every day.

How to book...

31 Bank Street, Ashford TN23 1DQ; phone: 01233 620511; website: lemongrassthaifusioncafe.co.uk



Black Horse Monks Horton

Why here...

This traditional oak-beamed pub and restaurant is nestled in the countryside just a few miles from the M20 and A20. Enjoy a relaxing drink on the decking as the sun sets, or sit in the tranquil family garden.

On the menu...

Enjoy freshly-prepared dishes. Light lunch is priced from £3.50, while the Wednesday lunch-special is one course for £5.50 or two courses £7.50. Or you can treat yourselves to a Sunday roast for £8.95.

How to book...

Black Horse, Fiddling Lane Monks Horton TN25 6AP To book for lunch or dinner, phone 01303 812182.

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An evolutionary idea Delve into Darwin's den

Down House, Orpington

Throughout July and August
0870 333 1181

www.english-heritage.org.uk/kent

TAKE a step back in time and go on a tour of Charles Darwin's home.

Visitors to Down House can walk in the footsteps of the scientist this July and August during exclusive tours of the extensive gardens.

The hour-long tours, running twice a day every Wednesday and Sunday, offer the chance to experience Darwin's outdoor laboratory.

Tour guides will highlight 12 of Darwin's experiments, now re-created around the grounds, and explain how the observations he made in his garden were so instrumental in developing his theories on evolution.

Tours cost £3.50 per person in addition to normal admission prices.

Rotten start to city festival

John Lydon

ME1, Rochester Castle

Saturday, July 28

Tickets priced at £26

www.musicventone.co.uk

FORMER Sex Pistols frontman and legend of punk John Lydon will head to Rochester Castle Gardens for a new music festival.

Leading out his Public Image

Ltd group, right, Lydon is headlining the ME1 show in the picturesque grounds.

Known for his political viewpoints as well as his music, Lydon is one of the men responsible for changing the face of British music in the late 1970s with his group The Sex Pistols.

Along with Glenn Matlock and Sid Vicious, Rotten had such hits as Pretty Vacant, Anarchy In The UK and God Save The Queen.

Support comes from The Wedding Present, Theatre Royal and Kids Unique.



A pearl of a do by the seaside

Whitstable Oyster Festival

Saturday to Friday, July 21-27

01227 862066

whitstableoysterfestival.com

QUICKLY becoming one of Kent's most popular events, the Whitstable Oyster Festival is again expected to draw thousands of people from around the country for a weekend by the seaside.

Entertainment includes bands in pubs up and down the high street, art shows, food demonstrations and competitions (notably oyster-opening in the harbour) and displays on the Tankerton slopes.

Look out for new bands performing at The Duke of Cumberland's Introducing Stage in conjunction with promoter WhitLive, as well as stand-up comedy and live performances at the Horsebridge arts centre.

For park-and-ride details as well as a timetable of events, see the website above.

A place down memory lane

Penshurst Place, near Tonbridge

Thu, July 26-Fri, August 27

www.penshurstplace.com

GET ready to time-travel back to the 1950s with storytelling and craft activities as part of Penshurst Place's summer entertainment.

As well as a new maze

made out of, well, maize, the medieval manor house will be putting on vintage style Sundays from July through to the end of August.

Following the Jubilee celebrations, families will be able to meet Fanny, Johnnie and Marjorie again, this time for tea and gossip followed by hoopla and bowling for the pig, plus a rekindling of the early days of rock'n'roll.

There will be interactive storytelling for all the family from Aardvark Productions from 2pm-4pm on each performance day.



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Be a hero and help a hero Music festival

The Red Lion, Gravesend

Saturday, July 28
www.facebook.com/herofestredlion

THE third annual Herofest will take place at the end of this month to raise money for the Help For Heroes charity, which looks after injured soldiers as they return from serving their country.

Herofest is a charity music festival held at The Red Lion in Gravesend and has already raised more than £6,000 for the organisation in the past couple of summers.

There are four stages at the venue and each one will have bands on until 10pm, followed by the headline acts on the main stage, who this year are local bands Stone Wire and Bad Sign.

There will be a whopping 45 acts throughout the day, with all proceeds going to Help For Heroes.

Entry to the festival is only £6 and the show gets under way at 12.30pm.



The musical class of 1980 Stage show

The Avenue Theatre, Sittingbourne

Sunday, July 22, 2pm and 7pm
01795 471140

THE Edge Theatre School presents Back To The 80s at The Avenue Theatre in Sittingbourne.

From the era that brought the world the Rubik's Cube,

Max Headroom and Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles comes a musical in the style of movies such as Back To The Future, Ferris Bueller's Day Off, The Karate Kid and The Wedding Singer.

Join the graduating class of William Ocean High School as they live through their final senior year and experience the fun, the heartbreak, the loves and the loneliness of growing up... all set to the biggest hits of the 1980s.

Tickets are priced at £6.50 and available through www.avenuetheatre.co.uk.



Big nights in the big top From Russia with love

Kent Showground, Detling

Tuesday to Wednesday, July 24-25
Phone Ticketmaster on 0844 856 5555
www.moscowstatecircus.com

THE Moscow State Circus brings its latest spectacular big-top event to Maidstone with the new show Babushkin Sekret.

A mammoth cast of Russia's greatest and most talented circus artists, including the queen of Russian circus, Yana Alieva, on a revolving aerial chandelier. See the breathtaking Stalkions – three men and two girls – walk, backflip and perform unbelievable pyramids 30 feet in the air on the legendary high wire.

There is also the Whirlwind Rubsovsm troupe, who catapult themselves across the big top at breakneck speed, and you can see the juggling Sherbakovs on the reverse pyramid of St Petersburg. Tour dates are on the website.

Family karting in the summer Feel the speed

Buckmore Park, Chatham

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TO experience the thrill of outdoor karting, head to the award-winning Buckmore Park 1,000m International Outdoor Kart Circuit, just off junction 3 of the M2, where British world

champions Lewis Hamilton and Jenson Button learnt their trade. A session at Buckmore, which celebrates its 50th anniversary next year, will be a day to remember.

The popular exclusive kids' karting parties for ages four to 16 are available for up to 12 drivers, and parties can incorporate a meal and be combined with laser warfare games in the woods.

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Gallop over to this stunning home

THIS residential and equestrian property covering 4.26 acres could be yours for just £695,000.

Currently for sale is Southfield Stables, which provides a four-bedroom detached family house in a semi-rural position in Sutton Valance.

Situated in South Lane on the south side of the Greenstone Ridge, the property comprises a detached family house built in the 1990s with brick elevations under a tiled roof.

BTF Partnership is arranging the sale.

Planning consent for the house states that the occupation of the dwelling shall be limited to a person solely or mainly employed or last employed in the locality in the management of stables, agriculture or forestry. The yard is licensed by the British Horse Racing Authority as racing stables and was previously licensed as a riding school.

Planning consent has also been granted for a brick-and-tile building for staff accommodation and offices to the south of the stable yard and the footings are in place.

The yard consists of 33 loose



boxes of varying sizes, a tack/feed room, a 47m x 28m sand-and rubber ménage and three fenced paddocks.

Richard Thomas, of BTF Partnership, said: "Southfield

FOR SALE: Southfield Stables is on the market

Stables offers excellent potential in an outstanding location.

"To the east of South Lane and by separate agreement, the vendors have rented a five-acre field – this includes an oval

all-weather three-furlong training gallop.

"Further additional adjoining land of around 4.74 acres may also be available to rent by separate agreement."



New family home unveiled at estate

WESTWOOD Grange in Lenham has been one of the swiftest-selling Jones Homes developments yet – and prospective buyers are already registering for the launch of the new four-bedroom Broomfield house type.

The development comprises 19 new homes in a gated setting, including one- and two-bedroom apartments and three-, four- and five-bedroom houses.

With 50 per cent of the new development already sold, buyers should make sure they're on the list for the launch of the show home.

The Broomfield is a detached home with an open-plan kitchen/dining/family room, separate utility room, living room and four bedrooms, including a master bedroom with en-suite shower room. The houses, which include a garage, start at £380,000.

Prices at Westwood Grange start at £160,000 for a one-bedroom apartment.

For more information, phone Jones Homes on 01622 850746, Thursday to Monday from 10am to 5.30pm. See www.jones-homes.co.uk for details on all Jones Homes developments.



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MARION slim attractive long legged female, WLTm caring sensitive male for mutual attention, good conversation and romantic dates. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 393509

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FAY very lonely single mum, 26yrs looking for some adult companionship with open minded, non-judgmental male. Status unimportant. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 393121

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LADY 70's, easygoing, likes most things, medium build, seeks gent for friendship, car owner. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 386331

SENSUAL 32yr old professional with no time to have a relationship, seeks similar understanding male for compatible discreet relationship. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 386309

BECKY 34 single mum of one, GSOH, employed with OHAC, fun to be with and very loving, WLTm Mr Right if he is out there? ACA. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 386305

LOUISE young 48, long hair, blue eyes, cultured, easygoing, good natured, seeks intelligent, genuine guy for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 389389

BUBBLY female, 49, kind, caring, honest, GSOH, brown hair, blue eyes, likes meals out, pubs, cooking, cinema, seeks male with similar interests for friendship/relationship. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 390815

MID 40's slim, attractive female, seeks single male, 65-80 for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 391989

DONNA 24yr old single nurse, cunning, pretty, brown hair, big eyes, single and fun to be with, WLTm mature male for romance 25-45yrs. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 391117

SARAH 27yr old single mum, independent, very pretty, GOSH, many interests, seeking male for cuddles and lots of TLC. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 391097

DENISE very normal single white female, likes nights in/out, keeping fit, seeking genuine romantic black male for ltr. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 391093

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MEL easy going middle aged singleton looking for adult companionship with nice male who appreciates a feminine, attractive lady. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 392487

WELL educated female, slim, smart, mid 50's, needing to restart life, looking for tall, slim, smart gent with GSOH. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 391136

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CHRISTIAN lady, seeks Christian man, 58 plus for friendship. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 386565

JUNE good looking divorced 40's female, bubbly romantic and looking for tlc. Genuine replies only pls. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 386301

SLIM tall, elegant, feminine, NS, solvent lady, young 50's, loves travel, red wine, seeks tall, sincere, military/professional gent of high calibre. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 388071

NICOLE lonely and looking for love, cultured, intelligent, beautiful, creative and looking for sincere male for mature loving ltr. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 388145

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LADY 70's, easygoing, likes most things, medium build, seeks gent for friendship, car owner. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 387743

ANNE 60, Christian, WLTm similar person. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 390496

TANYA 28, beautiful black single mum, very body confident and all out of love. Lonely and looking for good company with experienced respectful man. Any age/looks. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 381727

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BERYL 57, likes fishing, home life, seeks gent, 60-65. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 382503

NATALIE professional 30's female, no ties, everything a classy blonde should be, looking for special times with male up to 65yrs. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 391871

YOUTHFUL 52yr old female, old fashioned, seeks N/S male, 52-56 to have a talk and laugh with. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 390771

MARIE 45, Irish, GSOH, seeking male with GSOH and lots of energy for fun times. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 391222

JACKIE late 40's, attractive, slim, fun to be with, looking for friendship, maybe more. Enjoys walking, nights in and meals out. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 389283

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TINA new to this and a bit nervous, lonely blue eyed 30yr old looking for male companion 30-50yrs. Status unimportant. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 386625

SARA 31 tall sexy and single, lovely green eyes, outgoing and social WLTm tall down to earth stable male for poss ltr. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 386623

WENDY cuddly 52yr old romantic, GSOH, N/S, likes reading, cinema, meals out, seeks male, 45-55 with GSOH to be my Knight in shining armour. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 389614

MARION 38 slim, sporty, fun with good personality, loves travel, holding hands and caring for people. Seeks genuine male, no time wasters. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 383159

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SOPHIE lonely fun attractive female, 21, looking for fun nights out and cosy nights in with similar male, any age/looks. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 389731

LADY 60's, bubbly, hurt in past, likes socialising, cooking, cats, holidays, seeks kind honest gent, 58-65 for friendship. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 389653

KERRY blonde blue eyed cultured lady, very genuine, caring, seeking caring natured male 45-58 for loving romance. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 386649

48YR old female, seeks tall, caring male in the West Sussex area. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 388974

SHARON 33, slim blonde, blue eyes outgoing, attractive, looking to put some much needed fun back into life, seeks male 30-45yrs. ACA. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 383047

MICHELLE fit trendy 40's female, no ties, good job, OHAC, fun to be with, looking for honest trustworthy male for friendship, poss ltr. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 389757

PAUL 47, likes sports, nights out, seeks female for fun and friendship. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 391954

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The Suzuki strikes back as upgrades cause a stir for two cars

Driving

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By **Steve Loader**
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HONDA has finally come up with just the little piece of improvisation that its Jazz supermini-cum-MPV needed.

Long a favourite for its versatility and space, the Jazz still lacked something in the image department – the new and sporty-looking Si version (£14,550) rectifies that.

The Japanese marque is calling the Si a limited edition, which is a great way of starting a stampede to showrooms before they all go, but it's actually hard to see it disappearing unless replaced by yet another sporty special.

Just to quicken the pace of demand further, the Si is also being offered on a zero per cent private lease deal (PCP) of £149 per month with a 27 per cent deposit.

The Jazz (from £11,605) is one Honda's best sellers, no doubt helped by the car wearing a Made in Britain stamp courtesy of manufacture at the brand's Swindon plant, but it's also famous for its Tardis-like capacity within relatively compact dimensions and clever packaging such as pull-up rear seat bases, allowing extra stowage or side-loading of a bicycle, for instance.

All this has translated into a string of awards, most recently the JD Power customer satisfaction and reliability survey's supermini of the year and Which? best used supermini.

However, the car has struggled a little for style and image, something the Si rectifies.

For a start, it will only be sold in sharp colours – black, bright red, white and bright blue – and wears bespoke sports bumpers and side skirts privacy glass and 16-inch alloys.

It's not all cosmetics, though; the suspension has been beefed up to deliver improved straight-line stability and body control, while the electric power-steering has been tweaked for improved feel and response.

Nevertheless, Honda insists these driver-pleasing changes have not been made at the expense of the standard car's ride and long-distance refinement.

The interior also gets the Si treatment, with a leather-trimmed steering wheel, bespoke black and silver supportive seats and cruise control.

A Si-T flagship version is also available for £15,545 and benefits from the addition of sat-nav and integrated Bluetooth.

The Si is based on the existing 1.4ES model (£13,750), which has a 98bhp petrol engine and five-speed gearbox and is capable of averaging more than 50mpg.

No diesels are offered in the Jazz line-up – not that Driving is a fan of small diesels as they cost more upfront and rarely recoup that extra cash by covering enough miles to enjoy the engine's superior economy against a petrol unit.

And that same argument may also apply to Honda's eco alternative for the Jazz, a petrol-electric hybrid from £16,300 and averaging about 10mpg more than the 1.4-litre unit on the Si but only slightly faster in acceleration.



HONDA JAZZ SI

Price:	£14,550
Driving appeal:	★★★★
Image:	★★★★
Space:	★★★★
Value:	★★★★
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Reliability:	★★★★
How green?:	★★★★
Best rival:	Skoda Fabia

Jazz plays sporty new theme



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... the way the Jazz has been allowed to plod along with a slightly dreary look and image when there is an award-winning car underneath

... this ordinary image can be turned around overnight, but the launch of the Si is certainly a shot in the arm, welcomed by buyers and sellers

... the underlying honesty and practicality of the British-built Jazz and it's pleasing to see this sexier and smarter Si variation. More please...

MOTORING

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More rounded but still a Marmite motor

By Steve Loader

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FIAT'S Panda story began in 1980, but the current car is a far cry from the original.

This third-generation Panda was launched earlier this year and remains a budget bargain but has lost the utilitarian look of the slab-sided original or, indeed, the 2004-12 car.

It also has a well-built and funky interior and handles tidily despite tall, capacious and practical dimensions, delivering good leg- and head-room for five. Parking is made easy by a button that changes the weighting of the steering. The feeling of space is even more impressive, considering the wheelbase is the same as before and overall dimensions have increased marginally.

Despite a more rounded look, though, it remains a Marmite motor: you either love or hate the styling, though many will buy for its other virtues anyway.

Apart from the car's versatility, it also has good engines from which to choose. The 85bhp 0.9-litre TwinAir petrol engine (from £10,750) – as tested here courtesy of Lipscomb Fiat at Ashford and Aylesford – is the standout.

The name TwinAir signifies that it's a twin-cylinder turbocharged unit, but it twins performance with economy and has already been a hit in Fiat's cult supermini and best-seller, the 500.

Low emissions mean the TwinAir is also road-tax-exempt and, driven sensibly, you could get close to the official combined consumption figure of 67.3mpg. However, the lightweight engine's turbocharger can turn it into a little beast when required and some drivers will be tempted to exploit the light changes of the five-speed gearbox, with consequent harm to that exceptional mpg.

This engine also starts at £10,750, meaning buyers on a tight budget may be tempted instead by the 69bhp 1.2-litre petrol unit in the Pop entry model – much cheaper from £8,900. This accelerates modestly, is the least fuel-efficient (54.3mpg combined cycle) and is the only one

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Driving appeal: ★★★★★
Image: ★★★★★
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DESERVING A CHANCE: People love or hate the Fiat Panda, but those against it really should take another look

without stop-start to cut and refine the engine in busy traffic, but it is tried and tested.

The frugal 75bhp 1.3 Multijet diesel might also be a good call but adds 60 kilos in weight to that of the TwinAir and about 100 kilos more than the Pop's 1,015 kilos, so it has an effect on the Panda's nimbleness and acceleration.

Priced from £11,100, it's also not cheap, so, as ever at this end of the market, the first owner of any diesel must be confident he or she will cover the high mileage needed to recoup that extra money through the diesel's greater fuel efficiency – 72.4mpg on the combined cycle.

So the TwinAir looks like the favourite, then, especially with younger buyers needing five-door practicality – something they can't have with the 500, which sells only as a three-door.

Admittedly, Fiat will address that shortly with

a 500L mini-MPV, but this differs in style from the 500 itself almost as much as the Panda, so it's hard to predict how buyers will react.

Panda fans should stay loyal for one excellent reason, though – reliability. Fiat chose to move Panda production from Poland back to Italy, but the modernised plant is expected to build the car to the same exacting standards.

I had anecdotal proof of Panda reliability four years ago while holidaying in Greece. Roads were as flaky as the national economy now clearly is, yet my little Daihatsu Charade hire-car coped well.

But when I returned it and praised its ability in such trying conditions, the Brit running the hire-car site told me: "Yeah, Japanese stuff is good, but the Fiat Pandas are our favourite – they go on forever." Praise indeed.

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On the eve of Adam launch

VAUXHALL design is much envied within the industry – witness the newly-unveiled Adam city car, on the roads next January.

It's a small car to attack the likes of the Mini and Fiat 500, where image and owner-customisation are key selling points. Not only does the all-new two-tone Adam look sharp but Vauxhall says a million custom combinations are available.



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Alto hits high notes for less

By Steve Loader

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SUZUKI has claimed the title of cheapest car on UK roads with a £5,995 deal on its Alto city car, available until Sunday, September 30.

This represents a £670 saving on any previous Alto sales campaigns and is well below the official list price of £7,195.

The Alto is a compact five-door hatchback with just one engine option, a frugal 1.0-litre three-cylinder petrol unit, offering high fuel efficiency – 65.7mpg on the official combined cycle – and low CO₂ (99gm/km) emissions, making it road-tax-exempt.

That also means it escapes the London Congestion Charge, potentially saving £2,600 a year for any west Kent commuter who must travel into the capital five days a week.

Admittedly, the 67bhp engine is no ball of fire – 0-60mph in 13.5 seconds – but the Alto is about motoring on a shoestring, and even attracts a thrifty group four for insurance.

The Japanese marque has also announced an upgrade to its Splash mini-MPV line-up while pegging prices, which start at £7,777.

Changes include new front and rear bumpers, new bonnet and grille, new body colours, revised seat fabrics and colours, shiny black finish to centre console and black-cloth finish to the front-door armrests.

What hasn't changed is the little car's versatil-



STYLISH: The Suzuki Alto is road-tax-exempt and pictured here in London's congestion charge zone... for free. Suzuki is also making a new-look Splash.

ity, thanks to its tall body offering good headroom and, with rear seats folded, lots of cargo capacity; it is perhaps one of the most underrated small-load-luggers, despite being sharply priced against rivals like the Honda Jazz.

Two petrol engines are offered. The same 1.0-litre unit is offered on the Alto, though in

different tune, so emissions are slightly higher, with zero road tax in year one, but £20/year thereafter. For those needing more dash, meanwhile, there's also a 93bhp four-cylinder unit, also tax-exempt in year one but then costing £30/year.

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OLYMPICS

Running to keep fit for football leads to Olympic stardom for ace Gemili

By Greg Miles

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A lot can change in a year, just ask British sprinting sensation Adam Gemili.

A little over 12 months ago the Dartford teenager was scraping the dried mud off his boots getting ready for some hard running in pre-season training with Dagenham & Redbridge.

Now he is a week away from starring in the biggest sporting spectacle on the planet having taken the 100m by storm in the last two months - culminating in a gold-medal winning run in the World Junior Championships in Barcelona last week.

That run also made him the fastest ever Brit for his age, beating Dwain Chambers' 15 year record of 10.06.

The 18-year-old Blackheath and Bromley AC ace has admitted his rise to fame has been a surprise even for him.

"I'm very surprised," he said. "Everything has escalated in the last six to eight weeks, and I've become well known, but I'm enjoying it.

"I was only really doing it to get fit for football, I never expected to run anywhere near where I have been able to run.

"This time a year ago I had just started getting into pre-season training so I never expected to have any of this."

With one Gold medal already in the bag public expectation has understandably soared, but the level-headed former Chelsea apprentice insists there is no pressure on him.

"I'm just really enjoying it, just making the most of it, because it won't last forever," he said. "While people want to talk to me I'm loving it.

"I'm not setting myself any goals, or saying I'm going to get to this or that round, I'm going for the experience.

"I know I'm in shape and with the times I'm running hopefully I can run even quicker than I have done.

"Everyone is really excited for the Olympics, people are expecting me to perform, but I don't feel the expectations to get a medal or make the final.

"I'm going there to have fun and get a good experience, to do my best, and if that gets me to the semi-final then that's what happens."

His experience in Barcelona has made him even more excited for what lays ahead in east London.

"It's given me a lot of confidence, the championships were amazing, the Olympics is going to be a thousand times better.

"I couldn't believe it, I saw 10.05s, and I was in bits, I was so happy, I was jumping up and down, I was loving it."

It would be easy for such achievements to go to a young man's head, however the support that Gemili has in place means his feet are firmly on the ground and he is already thinking about post-Olympic life.

"I put it down to my parents if I'm honest with you," he said. "My family are so great in keeping me on the right path, if it happened to another athlete they might get big headed and have a big ego, but they keep me level headed.

"The academic side of things was a big part of my upbringing. When I was younger and playing for Chelsea (the club) they wanted me to take time off school, but we left the club because my parents wanted me to get a good education so I thank my mum because I wouldn't be here to-

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**EXCITED:**

Gemili is expecting the Olympics to be a thousand times better than Barcelona last week where he set a new championship record in the 100m World Junior Championship final.

DARTFORD DAYS NOT A DISTANT MEMORY

JUST a few years ago Adam Gemili fell over as he crossed the finishing line because his technique was a bit rusty - mind you he still won the race.

But it's a reminder of just how far he has come on his journey to Gold at the World Junior Championships.

It's a story being regularly told at Dartford Grammar School where Gemili spent his teenage years.

"It wasn't until Year 10 that he began to realise he was half decent at it," recalls head of sport at the school Gary Jones.

"I really noticed when he won the regional athletics finals, he fell at the finish line because his technique was a bit untidy. He fell flat on his face and injured himself, he was supposed to do the long jump later that day."

Even a few years earlier he stuck out like a saw thumb in the school sports day.

"The thing that sticks in my mind is I said to the head teacher, 'watch this, this will be something special'.

"He was racing against two other lads from football clubs who were both fantastically fast, but he

obliterated them, absolutely destroyed them."

Gemili joined Blackheath and Bromley AC as he began to take the sport more seriously.

Men's team manager at the club Patrick Calnan said: "It's remarkable the progress he's made in such a short space of time.

"It's often said that footballers are not as fit as athletes, but you couldn't really say that about him when he joined.

"When I saw him run for the first time it was just raw talent."

day otherwise.

"I'm hoping to go to university starting in September because I've just graduated from college. I want to study sports science, anatomy, it helps you figure out and learn more about your body."

Earlier this year he jetted off to the States to learn from the second fastest man in the world, Tyson Gay, which proved a valuable experience.

"I trained in April and March period in Florida, it was really good and a great experience seeing how they train, seeing what's different and the level they are at," he said.

"Everyone helped each other, we all joked

around with each other, he (Gay) gave me a few tips about my start, everyone was there to help."

The academic approach is one that is so often overlooked by professional sportsmen and women, but for now he is focusing on the Olympics, be it in reality or on screen when he plays athletics games on his Nintendo Wii.

"I play on the Playstation and watch a bit of telly, I chill out with my friends and try and relax," he said.

"We play the Sonic and Mario thing on the Wii as well which is good fun.

"I just try and recover, that's the main thing, just try and relax, because it's a mental sport."

RISE TO FAME

2001-2008

Chelsea youth team

2008-2009

Reading youth team

2009-2011

Dagenham & Redbridge youth team

JULY 2011

100m and 4x100m relay silver medallist at European Junior Championship

AUGUST 2011

Played on loan at Conference South team Thurrock

JANUARY 2012

Switched full time to athletics

JUNE 2012

Ran 10.08s in the 100m in Germany and in doing so became fastest Brit this year

JULY 2012

Ran 10.05s to win gold and set a new championship record in the 100m World Junior Championships in Barcelona

After quitting his first love in January he does still find time to play football with his friends albeit wrapped up in cotton wool, and admits it was a hard decision to make.

"I still miss football everyday, to stop playing it makes me sad, but the way it is at the moment I want to get on with it and enjoy," he said.

FOOTBALL

Competition is on for spot in new-look Wells squad

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MARTIN Larkin is hoping the competitive nature of his new squad will give them the edge in the coming season.

While five departed the Culverden, seven were recruited to give Larkin options which he's hoping will fire his side to the top of the league.

Wells finally got their pre-season campaign underway this week after rain postponed matches in recent weeks. A 3-1 win at Bearsted on Tuesday night was a pleasing start, even more so as they came from behind to win due to goals from Andy McMath in the first half, and Ryan Rook and Joe Fuller in the second.

They host local rivals Rusthall on Tuesday before the George Piper Cup next weekend where they will play Crowborough Athletic on Saturday, and the winners of Tonbridge Angels and Rusthall on Sunday.

He has earmarked Joe Fuller and Jason Barton, arrivals from Chatham Town, and James Russell and Matt Foreman, who have re-signed to be regulars in his squad. But Chris Oladogba, a keeper previously at Bromley and Charlton, Tom Carr and Stuart Thorley will have to fight for their place in the side.

"We have a very competitive squad, everyone is aware we have got a strong squad," he said. "Four will be in the side, and the others will be pushing for their starting places."

He revealed he will be aiming to apply a tried and tested formula for promotion from the league.



Picture: IGOR KLUPOC

FORMULA: Martin Larkin believes his side has the right qualities to challenge at the top of the league

"We have got three very good wingers, and two powerful centre forwards, and in the middle of the pitch they like to play as well," he said. "It's not rocket science that the guys that have gone up in recent seasons have got it back to front quickly and have been able to play."

He said he will be giving his first team time to

gel on Tuesday night while rotating things next weekend in the cup.

"We will give our strongest side a run out and the others will have minutes to push for their place," he said. "We have got the two games next weekend so everyone will be given game time."

FOOTBALL

Adaptable Angels set for a test on Stones new surface

TONBRIDGE Angels boss Tommy Warrilow is hoping his side can be the ultimate shape-shifters this season.

The Angels were thumped 6-1 at home on Saturday by Ebbsfleet United, and while Warrilow doesn't want to see that scoreline every week in pre-season, he is happy to use games as a platform to try out new formations.

Instead of sticking with the traditional 4-4-2, he experimented with a 4-3-3 system, as well as going three at the back at one point as he attempts to make his side more adaptable for the forthcoming season in the Blue Square South.

"I'm disappointed with the result, we tried a new system in the first half," he said. "You have got to have a few systems if you're chasing the game. I hadn't played three at the back before as I've not had three fit defenders. I'm just looking to get bits and pieces out of each game."

They were 2-0 down after ten minutes after goals by Moses Ashikodi, and Liam Bellamy. The visitors then closed out the second half as Ashikodi netted again,



CHANGE: Warrilow wants flexibility

before goals from Nathan Elder, Serge Mafoko and a Ben Judge own goal. Chris Piper scored the consolation goal for the Angels.

Warrilow's side will be given another test tomorrow at Maidstone United's new Gallagher Stadium on their artificial surface.

"I have had a little look before," he said. "I have only ever trained on a 3G pitch before. I played on QPR and Luton ones, but that was in the 80s when you waited five minutes for the ball to come back down after a bounce – times have changed."

CRICKET

Home advantage lost as cup clash is rescheduled

TUNBRIDGE Wells' captain Evert Bekker joked that his fingers were beginning to grow together because they'd been crossed for so long in hoping the rain subsides.

Wells have now had their last 16 ECB national knockout match against Wanstead & Snarebrook postponed twice because of the rain that has scarcely stopped lashing down across the county.

And while it has been pencilled in for this Sunday, a fixture clash against Kent Women means they have lost home advantage and will now play in east London.

If the worst comes to the worst it could well be decided by a coin toss if the ECB cannot accommodate another postponement.

"It's at the back of our mind, but we're not considering it at this stage," he said. "It's not something we can worry about."

Before then they play Canterbury in a relegation clash tomorrow. Bekker knows it is a crucial game, but isn't putting any pressure on himself or his teammates as he knows the right result will come if they play to their ability.



Picture: LAWRIE PROCTER

PRAYING: Bekker hoping for sun

"We know we need to get a result against Canterbury," he said. "It won't be easy, it will be a challenging game because they will want the result as much as we do."

The CCC match against Chingford, which was to be played last Sunday, will now take place next Sunday, July 29.

CRICKET



All games called off for first time in eight years

NOT for eight years has Kent's regional cricket leagues suffered a complete washout.

All 60 of the fixtures around the county were abandoned, it's thought without even a ball being bowled, as the heavens opened across the south east last weekend.

The last time every single fixture was affected was on May 8, 2004 according to the records of league administrator Errol Valentine.

He said: "I would have thought it's an extremely rare occurrence. When we started the season in May there were hosepipe bans. Clubs were worried they wouldn't be able to produce wickets. It's all a bit of a mess, we have been swamped with water ever since."

He warned that if games continued to get abandoned in the next month or so, serious consideration will have to be given to whether it would be fair to promote or relegate sides.

It nearly happened in 2001 as a result of a high number of postponements in the early part of the season, but the sun prevailed and the idea was scrapped.

"If we have seven weeks of sunshine and complete cricket it won't stand out as being an unusual summer," he said.

KENT CRICKET LEAGUES						
PREMIER DIVISION						
	P	W	WD	BatP	BowlP	Pts
Sevenoaks Vine.....	11	6	1	8	14	138
Hartley Country Club.....	11	5	1	4	2	126
Bexley.....	11	4	2	9	11	126
Blackheath.....	11	5	1	12	12	125
Lordswood.....	11	4	0	10	12	124
Bickley Park.....	11	4	0	8	11	113
Bromley.....	11	3	1	7	13	104
Tunbridge Wells.....	11	2	0	7	14	87
Beckenham.....	11	3	0	12	9	77
Canterbury.....	11	2	1	8	21	67
DIVISION TWO						
Linden Park.....	11	5	1	11	12	140
Canford and Cyphers.....	11	5	1	5	11	134
Bromley Common.....	11	5	0	7	15	126
Upchurch.....	11	4	2	16	17	125
Hayes.....	11	4	1	10	14	122
Gravesend.....	11	3	2	14	17	111
Gore Court.....	11	3	0	14	14	104
Dartford.....	11	3	0	9	19	92
Ashford Town.....	11	3	0	9	8	89
HSBC.....	11	1	2	17	27	84
DIVISION THREE						
Addington Village.....	11	6	0	4	1	169
Canford Wanderers.....	11	7	0	1	8	149
Chestfield.....	11	6	0	7	6	137
Old Elthamians.....	11	5	0	5	13	126
Old Wilsonians.....	11	4	1	9	14	121
Old Colfeians.....	11	3	1	7	21	102
Holmesdale.....	11	2	1	8	16	94
High Halstow.....	11	1	0	7	13	72
Harvel.....	11	1	0	8	9	69
Downham & Bellingham.....	11	1	0	9	9	66
DIVISION FOUR						
Cowdrey.....	11	7	0	4	4	148
Sidcup.....	11	4	2	12	17	137
Minster (Sheppey).....	11	5	0	5	15	136
Macknade.....	11	5	0	8	14	134
Nonington.....	11	5	2	13	9	134
Rodmersham.....	11	3	0	10	15	105
Bexleyheath.....	11	2	1	10	20	88
Rainham (Kent).....	11	2	0	14	22	88
Gravesend RF.....	11	1	2	14	22	88
Betteshanger CW.....	11	2	0	3	16	87

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